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Saracino Won't Run In 1985

by Stuart Parker
Advertiser News Political Writer

Two term School Committee member Raymond Saracino today announced his intention to step aside during this November's town elections. He cited demands of his job and family as leaving him with too little time to carry out a third School Committee term. He would not rule out the possibility of seeking office in the 1987 elections.

Found It Very Satisfying

Saracino, recently promoted to corporate director of Packaging and Supplies at Sweet Life Foods, Inc., in Connecticut, told us, "I've thoroughly enjoyed the last four years on the board. I found representing Agawam on the board very satisfying.

"But I still must fulfill the needs of my job and family first."

Saracino added, however, that once he has had an opportunity to acclimate himself to his new responsibilities at Sweet Life, he would consider another run for the School Committee in 1987.

Among his accomplishments on the committee, Saracino pointed to the relaxation of the citizen speak time regulations at committee meetings. This allows citizens to inform the School Committee and administration of their concerns prior to committee meetings, without having to notify the board three days in advance (in writing).

Saracino also said he was pleased the meeting location was moved to the Agawam Junior High School cafeteria, which allows for more public participation at meetings.

While Saracino credited public accessibility to the committee as "an important step forward," he said, "It's up to the parents to become more vocal and to use this open door policy of the committee to air their concerns and give constructive input."

Saracino referred to his fellow committee members as "not always agreeing on every issue," but said the

board worked well together and had the betterment of education in Agawam as a common bond.

Saracino urged that future relations between the Agawam Education Association, which represents the town's teachers in collective bargaining, and the School Committee and administration "to focus on a common ground of improved education as a mutual objective."

"Both the AEA and the committee strive toward this objective, but it's time each group assessed its relationship with each other in an effort to accomplish this end," he commented.

Saracino and School Committeewoman Rosemary Sandlin bore the lion's share of teacher dissatisfaction during last year's often bitter contract negotiations. Both members were singled out by the AEA leadership to be picketed in front of their homes.

During the negotiation period, Saracino told teachers he would support higher salaries for them if they would "clean-up their own house."

Won't Dwell On The Past

Though Saracino chose not to reiterate or dwell on his past problems with the AEA, he did comment, "Agawam is fortunate to have some truly outstanding teachers. However, it is difficult to reward those most deserving under the present labor agreement."

Saracino added that he was "disappointed" in the previous AEA leadership, but is "hopeful" for the prospects of cooperation under its new leadership.

Andrew Bower resigned as AEA president last December, shortly after the conclusion of negotiations.

In closing, Saracino said, "I'm grateful for the support of the voters of Agawam, for the constructive attitude among School Committee members, and for the joy it has been to work with Superintendent Jim Bruno and the school administration."

School Bus Routes Now Revamped

by Alexis Ferioli
School Dept. Editor

When school buses roll for the opening day of school, Wednesday, September 4th, parents and students will discover that several former bus stops have been eliminated from the established four elementary school routes.

This action was taken as the result of a study completed by the transportation subcommittee of the Agawam School Committee at its Friday, August 2nd meeting.

Comprised of School Committee members John Walsh, Rosemary Sandlin, and Raymond Saracino, as well as Associate Superintendent of Schools Donald Charest, Agawam Police Safety Officer Sergeant Alfred Longhi, DePalma Transit Company head Steve Ferrari, and parent Susan Pettazoni, the special task force is responsible for handling any problems or complaints which affect the safe transportation of Agawam's school children.

There Were Just Too Many Stops

Charest points out that due to hearing several past cases involving bus routes, School Committee members deemed that school buses were making too many stops.

Charest was requested to review all elementary bus routes to deem what changes could be instituted to efficiently and safely ensure the arrival of students to school.

Moreover, the School Committee directed that he be responsible for selecting the appropriate collection points in order to revamp the present routes.

Charest tells us that according to state law, students can be asked to walk one-and-a-half miles to school, if sidewalks are available, and one mile to a bus stop.

He notes that as the routes are presently set-up, no student walks this far to a collection point.

Charest relates that as a result of the frequent bus stops, several buses arrive daily at school 10 minutes late. Consequently, 50 minutes of school time are lost weekly.

The loss of this time also results in bus drivers traveling at greater speeds in order to meet their arrival schedules, says Charest. This, he notes, can be a serious safety hazard for youngsters.

Beginning the last week of May, Charest initiated his review of the four elementary school bus routes, taking into consideration sidewalk availability, distance to school, and safety conditions for walkers.

During his research, he discovered that residential areas with several side streets often have as many as eight bus stops in a distance of less than half a mile.

Since the majority of these areas are sidestreets off sidestreets (equipped with adequate sidewalks), Charest was able to reduce the collection points to three (from eight).

Elimination Of "Danahy Shuttle"

Another major change will be the elimination of the "Danahy Shuttle," which was established when the former Katherine Danahy Elementary School closed.

Instead of a special bus collecting students in the Danahy area for a short, four-tenths of a mile ride to Robinson Park School, the youngsters will be expected to walk to school since sidewalks are readily available.

Charest says that except for the noontime routes, kindergarten students in this area will also be expected to walk to school with older students, either in the early morning or late afternoon, depending on which session they are attending.

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Camp Rainbow Kids Have Day Skating

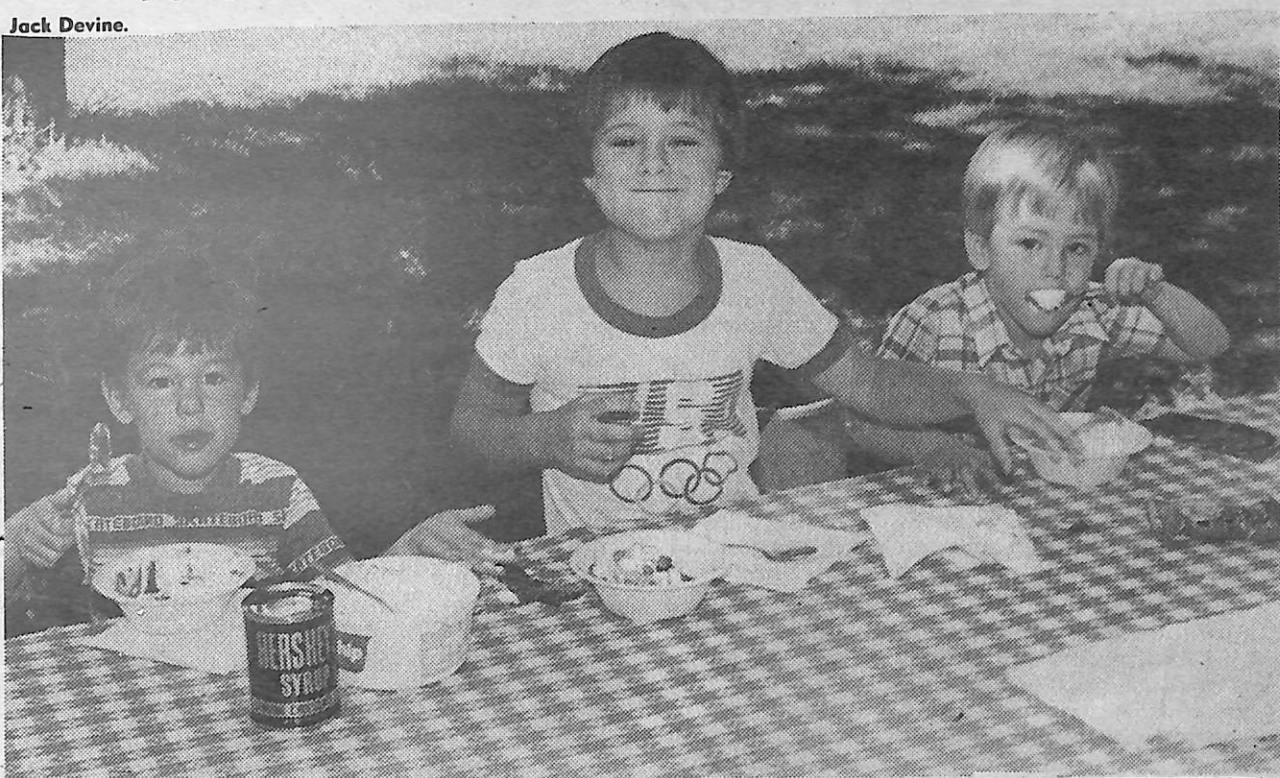


LAST WEEK, kids involved in Camp Rainbow, the town's special needs camp at Robinson Park Elementary School, paid a visit to the Agawam Rollaway. In photo are, back row, from left - Gary Dubour, Jason Charland, and Danny Ouimette. Front row - Jaime Rivera, Steven Kennedy, and Mary Conte. (SEE RELATED PHOTOS PAGE 16). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Bambi School Kids Sundae-Making Experts



LAST WEEK, youngsters at the Bambi Nursery School in Agawam took a field trip to Friendly's Ice Cream. Here, Jamey McKay and Kristen Michaud are pictured enjoying their own creations at the Vernon Street school. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DANNY KOZYNISKI, JOEY OC-ZKOWSKI, and Joey Valenti aren't about to take a back seat in the art of making their own sundaes.

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Walsh Cited By Municipal Association

State Rep. Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) has received the thanks of the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) for his successful efforts to protect municipalities from drops in their in-lieu tax revenues from the state this year.

In-lieu tax payments are paid to a local community by the state for land within the community that is state-owned and exempt from property taxes.

About one-third of the communities in the state with such land had faced unexpected declines in their in-lieu tax revenues as a result of new valuations of state property.

Walsh took leadership in urging the legislature to include an appropriation in the state's supplemental budget to pay the difference, if any, between the new in-lieu payments and what communities would have received under old valuations.

"Thanks to the initiative of Representative Walsh, the legislature has protected a number of Massachusetts communities from sudden revenue losses," MMA Executive Director James Segel said. "We appreciate his action to protect local budgets."

Westfield Savings Bank Shows Big Earnings

Westfield Savings Bank has once again experienced record increases in assets and deposits for the second quarter of 1985, and has announced its deposits are now further insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), according to Chairman of the Board Arthur Knapp.

Figures released by Knapp at the July 16th, quarterly trustees meeting show the bank's increase in assets and deposits has more than doubled the same figures last year.

Assets for the second quarter of 1985 rose \$3,999,471 - while they grew \$1,340,452 in 1984. Deposits last year increased \$632,808; this year they jumped \$1,751,315.

Knapp said Westfield Savings Bank's earnings also increased dramatically over last year's second-quarter totals. The 1985 earnings stand at \$1,123,762 - over twice the earnings for the same period in 1984: \$527,368.

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MUNICIPAL EVENTS

COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME

Thursday, August 8th
Conservation Commission
Public Library
7:00 P.M.

Thursday, August 8th
Board of Appeals
Town Hall Annex
7:00 P.M.

Monday, September 2nd
LABOR DAY
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Tuesday, September 3rd
Town Council Meeting
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Council Appoints EDIC Members Bonavita Rules

by Stuart Parker
Advertiser News Political Writer

Co-Town Solicitor Anthony Bonavita has ruled that Town Council is responsible to make direct appointments to the Agawam Economic Development and Industrial Commission (AEDIC), reversing the past practice of the town manager nominating candidates to be confirmed by the council.

The matter was first brought before the council by former Councilor Valentine R. Moreno. He charged the appointing procedure on the AEDIC violated Massachusetts General Law (121 C), which regulates municipal development agencies, such as the AEDIC.

Following Moreno's initial questioning of the issue, Moreno's longtime political opponent and arch-rival, Councilor At-Large Andrew C. Gallano, submitted a series of questions regarding the appointing procedures at town hall.

As a result of Bonavita's ruling, the council tabled the item to confirm the town manager's recommendation of reappointing AEDIC members Bruce Jacobsen and Andrew Campbell. The tabling came at the Monday, August 5th, meeting of Town Council.

Council President Donald M. Rheault ruled the request not compatible with Bonavita's ruling.

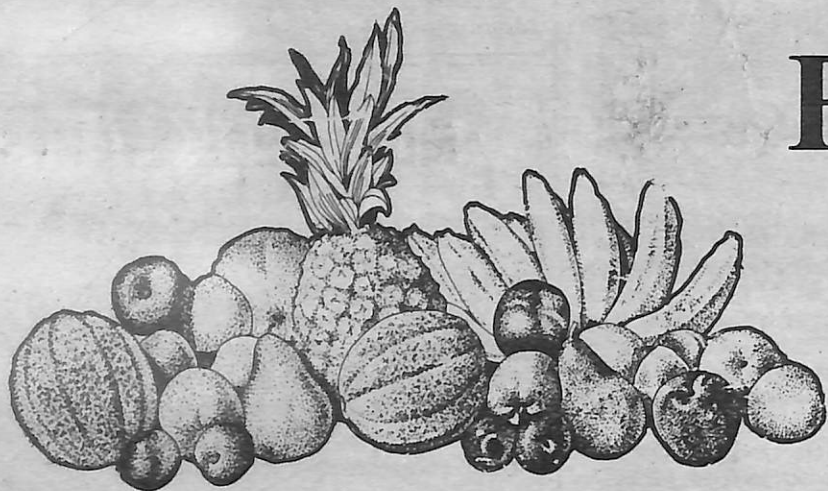
The council is expected to nominate and vote to send two members to the AEDIC at the September 3rd, council meeting.

Chamber Of Commerce Planning Big Outing



A JOINT OUTING between the Agawam and West Springfield Chambers of Commerce is being slated for Wednesday, August 14th, with a golf tournament, softball game, and a clam bake. The food is being served at the West Springfield/Agawam Elks pavilion on Morgan Road. Agawam committee members are, from left - Dr. Kay Schlaffer, John Mercadante, Dick Aldrich, and Marge Wood. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

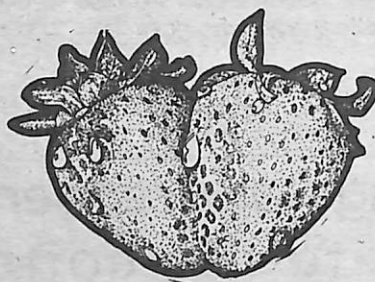
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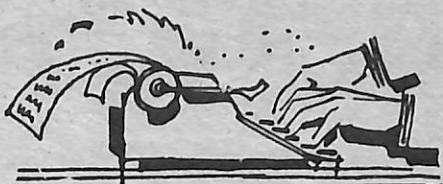
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Americans Use Of A-Bomb Nothing To Be Ashamed Of

To The Editor:

The 40th anniversary of the United States dropping the world's first atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, have received much ink in the print media and equally as much coverage of the television and radio.

As we all know, the two bombs ended World War II. After nearly five years of bitter island-to-island fighting in the Pacific, the American armed forces were poised to invade Japan just before the two bombs were dropped.

Reaching Japan cost us a terrible price in good American boys. The cost for Japanese in paying for their militarism and imperialism in the Pacific and Asia was even worse.

As an American, I certainly will not apologize for the use of the atomic bombs to end the world's most devastating war ever. As Japanese historians and military men have publicly admitted, the military dictatorship in Japan was ready to defend the island from our invasion to every last man, woman, and child.

If you are at all familiar with Japan's history - centuries of a closed, ritualistic society, ruled by military men who ran the country through a rigid class structure, this decision back in 1945 was the correct one. Japanese culture was ready to liquidate itself because the military rulers were prepared to do so.

To invade this island, simply, would have meant the destruction of all its cities, at the cost of millions and millions of Japanese lives. And what about the cost to the Americans?

According to most estimates, we could have lost maybe one million men to win these islands.

I don't believe, faced with these circumstances, America should be apologizing for using these weapons.

Even after the first bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, the Japanese refused to surrender. It took the second bomb on Nagasaki to get the military dictatorship to finally tell the Japanese people to lay down their arms. - Moreover, I seem to recall that it was the Japanese who slaughtered our boys at Pearl Harbor in 1941 which started the war in the Pacific. The bodies of thousands of these men are still at the bottom of the harbor, in their respective ships, put there by a sneak attack.

Certainly, nuclear war is a terrible, terrible thing. I hope and pray that these weapons will never be used again. However, trying to tie-in the peace movement of today, with the world at war 40 years ago, and the ultimate decisions to end that bloodshed, are unfounded.

Can you imagine what might have happened if the Japanese had the bomb before us? Would they have hesitated to use it? I think not.

Trying to shame America for using the bombs, especially after considering the circumstances of the times, is a blow to all those gallant boys who gave their lives to keep the world free.

Gerald J. Mason
857 Springfield Street
Feeding Hills

Charest Withdraws From Campaign

To The Editor:

It is with reluctance that I inform you that I withdraw my intentions as a candidate for Town Council for the upcoming election.

I have been strongly advised by my family that I should defer any thoughts of becoming involved in active politics in serving the town at this time, as a town councilor.

Although I have collected well over the necessary 100 signatures required to be a candidate at large, many of my very close friends advised me that I should not seek the position at this time.

However, it must be understood that I make myself available to serve on committees or advisory boards that I may be called upon.

This notice is presented to you at this date in order that any other citizen will still have time to take out papers to obtain the required signatures before the deadline of August 27th.

Thank you
Raymond E. Charest

Historical Assn. Gives Final Report On Statue Of Liberty Campaign

To The Editor:

I respectfully submit the local report on our drive to help the Statue of Liberty's facelift. From the schools, we received \$654.10; via the mail we received \$115.00 from residents; \$35.00 from business; and \$25 from a club. The Agawam total for this brief campaign was \$829.10.

The last check came in to us in June, hence the delay in sending the full amount to New York.

A form letter from Lee Iacocca, chairman of the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Centennial Commission, postmarked July 30th, 1985, thanked us and confirms the receipt of the funds collected.

Our deepest gratitude to each one who saw fit to contribute to this worthwhile cause. The effort in the schools was most commendable as it meant another project for them, adding to their already busy agenda.

Also, the time for this was a bit late, as many citizens had already given privately.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilyn Curry
Agawam Historical Association

Mrs. Demko Says Thank-You For Recent Article On 4-H

To The Editor:

I want to thank you, Mr. Sardella, for letting Laura Dugan write the article about 4-H. She did a terrific job. I hope people will understand what 4-H is and maybe we will be able to keep some good youngsters from straying into trouble.

These youngsters gain much knowledge and a very rewarding experience from 4-H. It will be of great help to them later in life.

Again, thank-you for the article and a wonderful hometown newspaper. Agawam is indeed lucky to have someone like you and the *Agawam Advertiser News*.

God Bless You,
Zoafia Demko
Agawam

Amateur Radio Operators Planning Fall Classes

Did you ever yearn to talk directly to an astronaut? Bounce your voice off a meteor's path? Send your picture around the world? Hold a conversation with a person in a far off corner of the world?

Well, you can, if you obtain an amateur radio license!

Radio classes being sponsored by the Hampden County Radio Association at the Agawam High School will be held again this fall.

You'll be able to start out at the beginner's level, and earn the novice amateur radio licence, or take a class to pass the next higher levels, technician, general, advanced, or extra.

The club wants to know how many people in the area are interested. Morse code is being taught so that anyone, at any age, can learn it! You'll be surprised how quickly you'll pick it up.

Amateur radio is an international hobby. Radio signals don't stop at a national boundary, so it is regulated internationally. Our government now allows radio amateurs to give the tests to allow citizens to put their own station on the air. What a station it can be!

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WESTFIELD SAVINGS - From Page 3...

Also at the trustees meeting, Knapp announced that deposits at Westfield Savings Bank are now insured by the FDIC, in addition to the bank's previous coverage by the Deposit Insurance Fund of Massachusetts (DIFM).

"In the past, deposits have been fully insured by the DIFM," Knapp said. "Now, the FDIC will insure up to \$100,000, and the DIFM will cover any amount of money above that figure."

Knapp added that the move to apply for FDIC insurance was not necessary, but was done as a customer service, to give depositors even more confidence in an already secure institution.

According to the Savings Banks of Massachusetts, which charters savings banks in the state, since the creation of DIFM, no depositor has ever lost money.

Both insurance funds cover all types of accounts at Westfield Savings Bank.

Knapp also told the trustees that mortgage business was brisk at Westfield Savings. "With rates lower than they have been for a number of years," he said, "mortgage demand is very strong."

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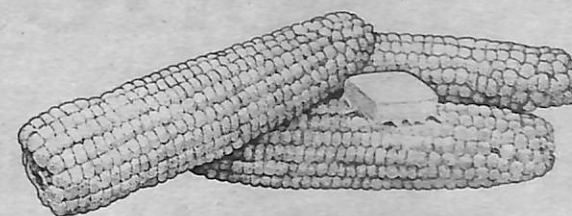
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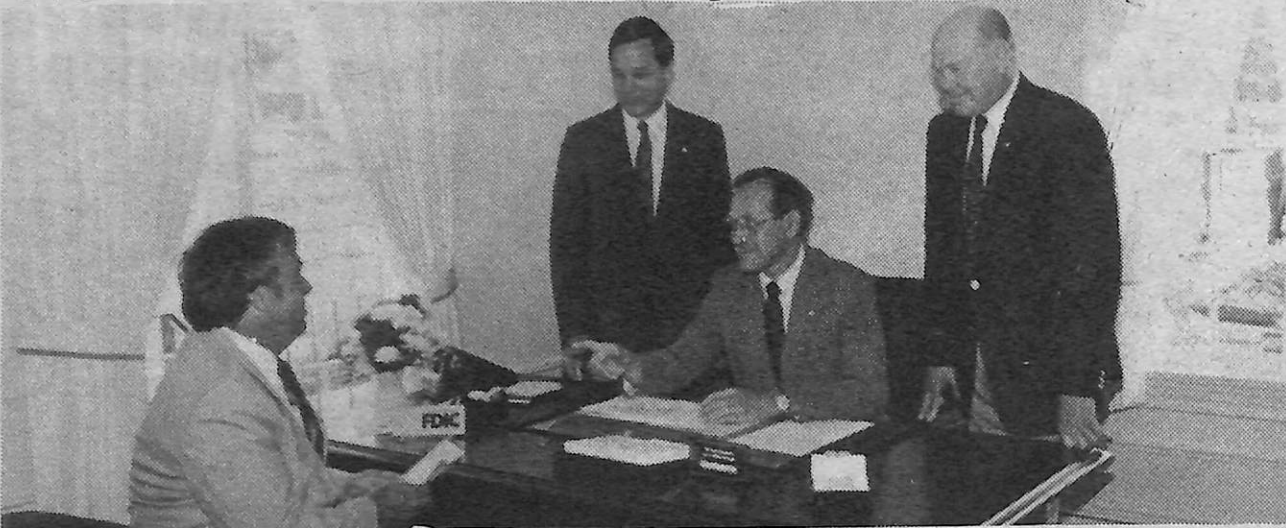
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New Westbank Office Opens In Westfield



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RADIO - From Page 4...

Radio amateurs or "hams" can set up a modest radio that uses morse code to communicate around the globe. Or try out more exotic things like television, beaming signals off the moon and back. Use an orbiting satellite and put a rig in the car that uses mountain top machines to boost your low-power signals over wide areas.

Recently, in the national news, the story about hams operating aboard the Space Shuttle "Challenger" was carried. You could be one of the earth-bound hams that talked back!

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Testing for all license grades will conclude the course. To find out more or to sign up for the course, contact Art Zavarella, at 786-9115.

Or, you can drop a card to the club at: Hampden County Radio Association, P.O. Box 482, West Springfield, MA, 01090. (Include your phone number, please.

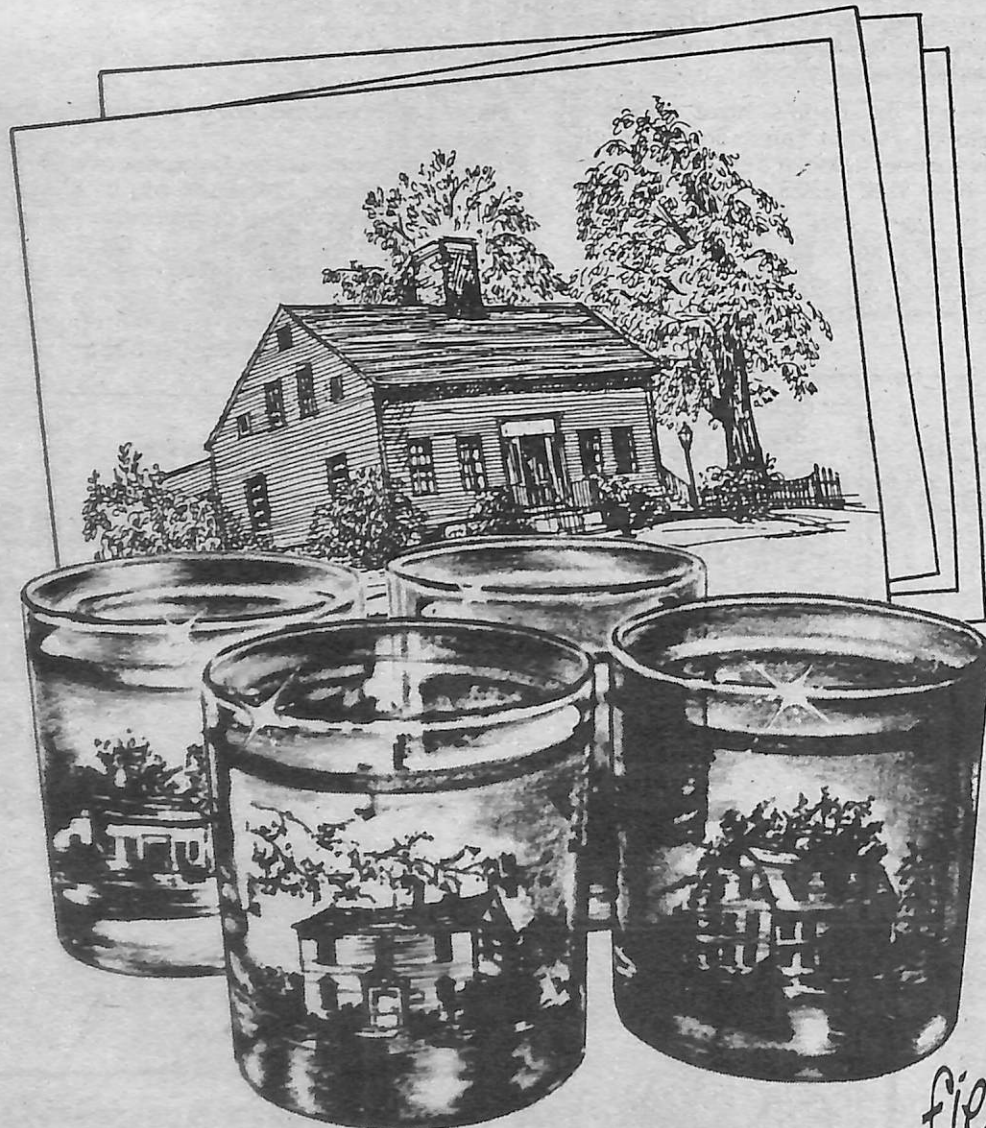
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Families

Gino's Liquors Draws Monthly Winner



GINO LIQUORS on Walnut Street Extension gives people who purchase Megabucks tickets at the store a chance to win a prize at a monthly drawing. This month, Lillian Dialessi of West Springfield was the winner of a 19-inch color TV. Selecting the winning ticket on Saturday, August 3rd, are Raymond Rossi, son of owner and operator Gino Rossi, and Richard Sardella, publisher of the *Agawam Advertiser News*. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ponds To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Clifford D. Pond, both graduates of Agawam High School, and residents of Agawam for 44 of their 50 years of married life, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with their family in upstate New York.

They were married on August 17th, 1935, at Christ Church Cathedral, Springfield.

Clifford Pond is the former owner of Pond Real Estate and Insurance of Agawam, and past president of the Springfield Board of Realtors. He served on the Agawam Planning Board.

He was an active member of the West Springfield Masonic Lodge, the Melha Temple of Shriners, and marched in the Arab Patrol.

Christine Pond is a past president of the Agawam Women's Club, past president of the Springfield Women's Club, past president of the Western Massachusetts Women's Club, past president of the 14th District Presidents' Club, and 14th district director of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Pond is a past regent of the Mercy Warren Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, and past moderator of the Agawam Congregational Church.

She also held offices in the West Springfield Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, and was a member of the Daughters of the Nile. She was also a chairwoman of the Gray Ladies for the Springfield Chapter of the American Red Cross, and is founder of the Gray Men, now a nationally recognized organization.

Their daughter, Marilyn Haynes, a licensed real estate salesperson in New Hartford, New York, is also a graduate of Agawam High School. They have three grandchildren, Jeffrey, Lawrence, and Sharon Perkins, all of whom attended Agawam schools.

Since his retirement, the Ponds have a winter residence in Lakeland, Florida, and are currently residing in their new summer home at Box 229D, Reservoir Pond, Clinton, New York 13323.

Chyba-Wertsching Nupitals July 13th

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Chyba announce the wedding of their daughter, Betsy, to Richard Wertsching of Newington, Connecticut.

The ceremony took place at Sacred Heart Church on July 13th. A reception followed at Oak Ridge Coun-

try club. The maid of honor was Susan Deitelbaum and the best man was Peter Wertsching, brother of the groom.

The couple left on a honeymoon to Bermuda.

For copies of photos in this edition, please call Jack Devine at his home. Please call Jack at 789-0053. Leave a message if he's out.

STV Bingo Donation



LENA MATAVA, bingo chairwoman of the Springfield Turnverein, presents a \$500 check to **Ruth Zucco**, Agawam Crusade chairwoman for the American Cancer Society. The gift will benefit the research program towards finding a cure against this dreaded disease. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Janice Breen of Worcester Weds Mr. Di Pietro of Agawam

Among the eight bridal attendants at the Michael Di Pietro - Janice Breen wedding in Springfield, were Celeste Regina Jeffway of Northampton, and Romilda Rita Di Pietro of Agawam, sisters of the bridegroom.

Their niece, Maria Regina Di Pietro of Worcester, was flower girl.

They wore gowns of pink satin and tulle designed to complement the white, sequined bridal gown.

Ushers included Mark Poggi and Rich Niles of Agawam, Kevin Quick of Longmeadow, and Robert Jeffway, Jr., of Northampton, brother-in-law of the bridegroom.

John Di Pietro of Worcester served his brother as best man at the nuptial Mass at Saint Mary's Church, where the cousin of the bride performed the marriage.

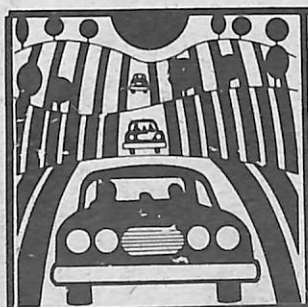
The bride is the daughter of Thomas V. Breen, whose late father was a member of the faculty at Clark University, in Worcester.

She is an honor graduate of Northeastern University in Boston.

The bridegroom, an honor graduate of American International College, is the son of Mr. & Mrs. John Di Pietro of 47 Bridge Street, and grandson of the late Elio & Regina Savioli of Agawam.

The groom's mother is secretary to Mr. William Miller, principal of the Phelps School in Agawam.

The newlyweds recently returned aboard the "Sun Viking" from a cruise to the Caribbean, with ports of call in the islands.



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St. Anthony Church Slates Annual Chicken Barbeque

St. Anthony of Padua Church in North Agawam will host their 23rd Annual Chicken Barbeque on Sunday, August 25th, at the Polish American Club Pavilion, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

As in the past, the Holy Name Society of the church will sponsor the event.

There will be continuous serving from noontime to 4:00 p.m., rain or shine.

Tickets are reasonably priced at \$4 for adults, and for children, \$2. Tickets may be purchased from members of the society or by calling the church rectory at 786-3724.

Also, tickets may be purchased the day of the event at the pavilion as St. Anthony's certainly welcomes walk-ins.

There will be a raffle. Prizes are being donated by local merchants.

Reverend Joseph H. Fellin, C.S.S., pastor, is honorary chairman and is being ably assisted by Earl Provost and Lino Gatti. Paul Ferrarini is handling publicity.

Proceeds from the event will benefit church maintenance.

Local La Leche Plan August 12th Meeting

Mothers who wish to breastfeed their babies will find encouragement and information at the Agawam-West Springfield La Leche League.

The next meeting is Monday, August 12th, at 8:00 p.m., at 2284 Westfield Street, West Springfield. Nursing babies are welcome.

The League offers mother-to-mother help in a series of four monthly meetings based on the manual "The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding".

The meeting includes the latest medical research, as well as personal experience. Other services include a lending library of books on childbirth, child care, and breastfeeding.

For further information, call Sue at 732-9256 or Jeanne at 739-7923.

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Police Chiefs In Demo Derby At Riverside



AGAWAM CHIEF OF POLICE Stanley J. Chmielewski (right) greets Suffield Chief of Police Murray Phelps (left) at Riverside Park, to get some final details on the Sunday, August 11th, demolition derby between Massachusetts police chiefs and Connecticut police chiefs. Proceeds will benefit the Jimmy Fund. Also pictured is Gene Murphy, director of Riverside Park Speedway. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Garden Club To Host Annual Family Picnic

The Agawam Garden Club will hold its annual family picnic on Tuesday, August 13th, at 6:00 p.m., at the home of club member Elaine Smith in Feeding Hills.

Members and guests wishing to attend are asked to bring a boxed lunch, and, if possible, a lawnchair. Beverages will be provided. The picnic will be held rain or shine.

Final plans for the September Flower Show will also be discussed at this time.

Unicans Gather For Annual National Convention Meeting

UNICO Massachusetts chapters of District I had six clubs attending the 63rd annual UNICO National Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona.

The local chapters included Agawam, West Springfield, Springfield, Ludlow, Wilbraham, and Worcester. Delegates were present at all convention meetings.

John A. Odierno, Springfield chapter, was sworn-in as Massachusetts District I governor for 1985-86.

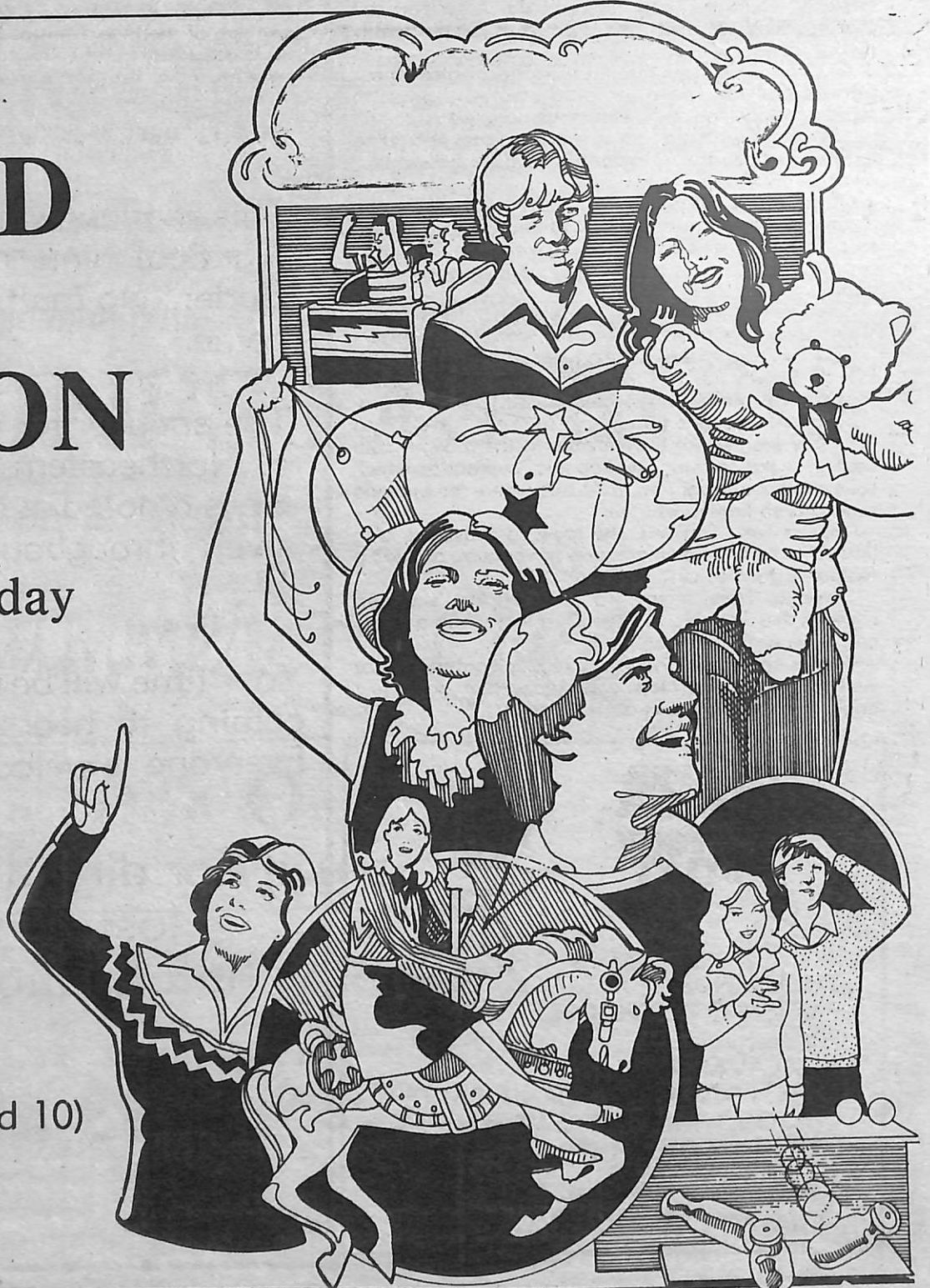
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PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Local historians Marilyn & Dick Curry continue their article on Fini's Plant Farm in Feeding Hills in Part II. This article concludes their summer-long series on local farming.

Fini's Plant Farm - Part II

Like many of his younger farmer colleagues, Paul Fini of Fini's Plant Farm looks towards the future of farming in Agawam and Feeding Hills with a most positive attitude.

The Fini family is not to be taken lightly! This can be attested to the number of farm journals which have in the past carried accounts of the Fini family enterprise.

Perhaps, the most recent of these technical magazines was the *Florist Review* of July 1985, which carried a lengthy written and pictorial review of the Fini's present project.

During his college years in Illinois, Paul said he realized that a large number of foreigners were infiltrating that region to purchase quantities of farmland. ed a large number of foreigners who were infiltrating that region to purchase quantities of farm land.

It would seem evident at least to some extent that outside sources do appear intent on buying large tracts of our fertile soil, more so in the western regions of our nation ... the very heartland of the world's finest fertile soil!

We question the soundness of reasoning of our government's attitude toward the American farmer, who allow foreign sources to purchase large tracts of farming acreage. When one ponders the subject, it would not be difficult to one day envision the possibility of American citizens being at the mercy of outside sources in order to purchase the very food necessary to survive.

Indeed, the irony must remain in the fact that our citizenry would no longer control the American soil that provided the meat and vegetables for the family dinner table!

As if this were not enough to warrant concern for our farmers and the fertile lands so carelessly given to rapid development and mismanagement, we must still be concerned with the fact that even today, according to Paul, our country is importing produce from as far away as South America.

Of course, this implies the presence of dangerous chemicals so necessary to maintaining produce and meat products to keep the food with that fresh appearance, while possibly causing some danger to the public.

The recent "watermelon scare" in our far western states should be reason enough to warrant concern!

Paul Fini also spoke of the advanced form of farming found throughout our midwest. "More and more farmers are turning to the greenhouse for the cultivation of fresh produce throughout the year," exclaimed Paul. He even spoke in reference to the modern concept of water farming, hydroponic, a practice which seems to have caught on in Alaska where the growing season is so limited in time.

"But in New England, the growing season is also limited to perhaps a single crop per annum, providing Nature is good to us," he remarked.

"Even in New Jersey, so close to the southern climate, they are able to depend on more than a single crop," he further related.

At this comment, both of us readily confirmed that we had already tried New Jersey grown corn and it just couldn't compare to our native product.

Pragmatic Parent Prognosis

The evening of the initial interview at Fini's we received a phone call from Albert Fini, Paul's father. He apologized for not being present during the morning conversation, but he did want to make some comment of his own.

Certainly, one fact remains constant in that Albert Fini expressed the same positive attitude towards farming as did his son.

If anything, Albert convinced us of his practical viewpoint of today's farmer. "Times have changed. Tomorrow's farmer must be practical in terms of today's changing times."

But he also stated that an educated public must also realize the plight of the farmer if they continue to want freshly grown produce.

Albert verified that originally, the Fini Farm constituted 150 acres of land, but today they are limited to 35 acres diversified into greenhouses and fields of corn.

Today, the Fini Farm specializes in horticulture, particularly during the holiday season. The Finis are probably the largest poinsettia farm in the metropolitan area.

Like his fellow farmers, Albert Fini claims the biggest problem confronting local farmers is the fact that land and labor is unavailable. But beyond this fact remains the need for greater public education towards the farmer and his needs.

"The public must be educated to the needs of the local farmer," stated Albert. "If only the public realized the farmers' investment in land, equipment, and labor, perhaps they would not be so quick to criticize the rising cost of local produce."

In retrospect, we, as consumers of the necessities of life, must agree to the rising cost of visiting the local supermarkets, yet we also agree to the fact that the price of food, like everything else, will continue to rise.

Perhaps, this is the ultimate example of modern

civilization. Still, there remains the final conclusion that as civilization progresses, so does the basic need for survival remain necessary if mankind is to survive.

It is human nature that man resists the rise in the cost of living. Yet, mankind must live and in doing so, he/she must realize that nothing comes cheap these days.

When one considers the untold expenditures to provide the basic needs of the table, why do we so hesitate to give the farmers their basic due? We pay our tradesmen and grumble, but we **scream** at the farmers' prices.

We in Agawam and Feeding Hills are blessed with what remains of the Jeffersonian dream of an agrarian society - fertile and active farmlands.

We may jest and make jokes about "living close to Nature" here in the western suburbs, yet while we do so, we must eventually discover the ultimate curse of having advanced ourselves to our own destruction.

Like the first Americans, the Indians, are the farmers to be forced out of business at our own expense?

We hope you have enjoyed the Currys' 12-week series on farming in Agawam. If you have any questions or comments about this popular column, please give them a call. **IN OLD AGAWAM** is a regular feature of the **Agawam Advertiser News!**

'Maximum Marriage' Helping Area Couples

A free public seminar called "Maximum Marriage — A Celebration of Marriage" begins tomorrow, August 9, 7:30 P.M. at the West Springfield Church of Christ, 61 Upper Church Street, West Springfield.

This seminar will be positive, uplifting, and will give many practical hints on improving your marriage. Topics include: "No fault marriage" and "how to have a beautiful home."

The speaker for this event is Dr. Larry Roberts, President of Northeastern Christian Junior College, Villanova, Pa. He is a noted author and lecturer who has travelled extensively throughout this country.

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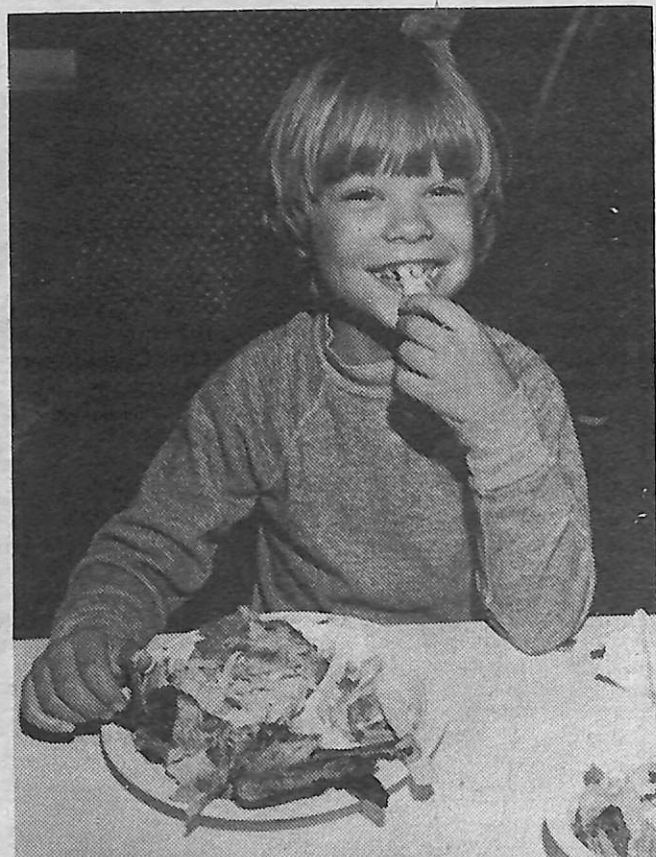
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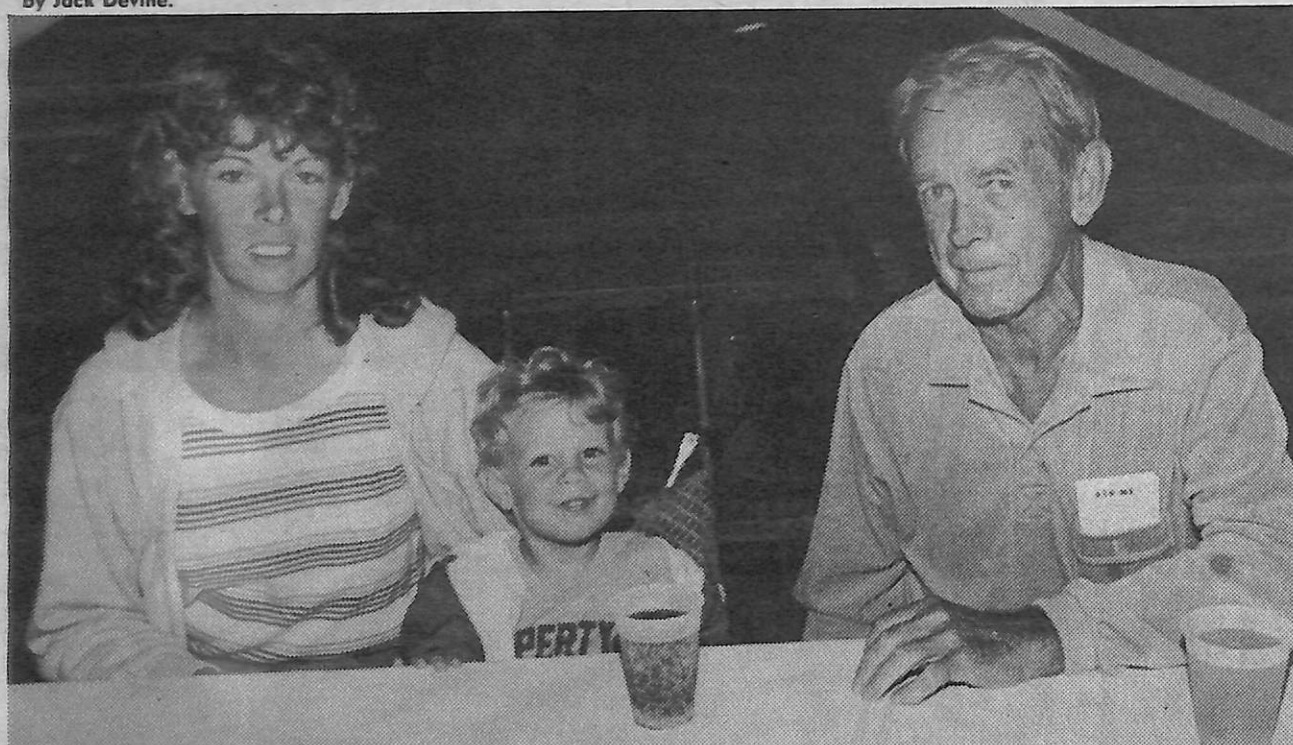
"Gubby" Borgatti & Friends Hold Chicken Barbeque



TO FIGHT THE DREADED DISEASE Scleroderma, Agawam resident "Gubby" Borgatti has organized a local group called "Gubby & Friends." The group holds various fundraisers throughout the year to raise funds for research. On Wednesday, July 31st, the group held a chicken barbeque at the West Springfield-Agawam Elks pavilion on Morgan Road, West Side. Pictured, from left, in the kitchen, are - Adrienne Frasco, Leo Loncrini, Tom Frasco, and Gubby Borgatti. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



HMMM, GOOD: Christopher Bennett, 8, wastes no time in gobbling down his barbequed chicken, made by the famous "Gubby" Borgatti & Friends. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ELLEN BARNES, and her 3½ year-old son, **Geoffrey**, are patiently waiting for the barbequed chicken dinner on July 31st, held to benefit scleroderma research. At right is **Dan Sullivan**.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Real Steel Calypso Band Last Riverfront Concert

The calypso drum beats of Real Steel will be featured Saturday, August 10th, as the final Summer Sounds concert at Riverfront Park at 7:30 p.m. The concert has been rescheduled from its original concert date on July 20th.

The park is located in Downtown Springfield, with the Connecticut River as the backdrop. All Summer Sounds concerts are free and open to the public.

These West Indian musicians are expanding a Caribbean folk music tradition begun at the end of World War II, when the U.S. Navy left behind great numbers of empty 55 gallon oil drums.

Experimenting with the drums, Trinidadians fashioned a sophisticated musical instrument, a steel pan, which produces a full chromatic range for notes that exceeds seven octaves.

The 12-member band is led by Denzil Botis from Trinidad. The group has performed together since 1983, presenting concerts throughout New England and as far south as Virginia.

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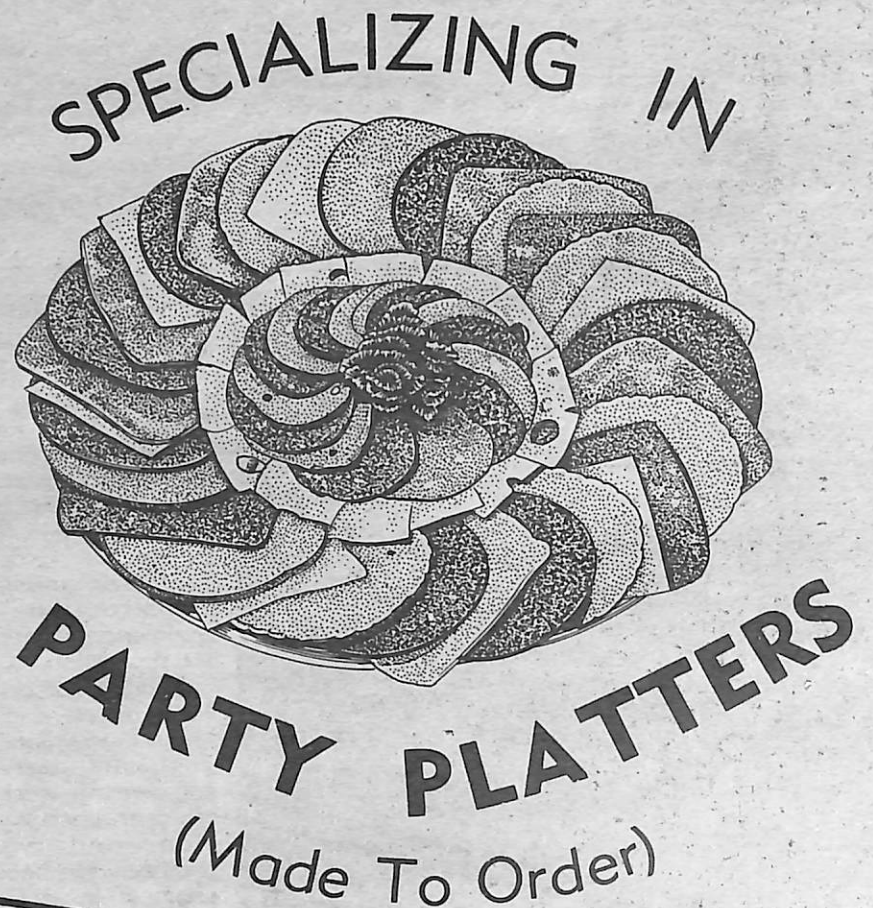
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Mid-Year Financial Planning

Mid-year financial planning? Definitely. Because of our rapidly changing economy, many American families are finding that a mid-year review of their financial plans has become an important tool in defining and meeting their financial goals.

Until recently, financial planning had generally been treated as a once a year proposition, if it was done at all.

For those accustomed to financial planning, it usually came in the early spring, just before or after tax time. Occasionally, it involved a review late in the year to look for last minute ways to lower the current year's taxes.

But now, more than ever before, because of quickening changes in interest rates, inflation, tax laws, and investment opportunities, a mid-year or fall planning session may be the best way to be sure your financial objectives are being adequately met.

Basic Need for Planning

Specific examples abound, but first, let's look at the

basic need for financial planning. Financial planning is much more than a single decision on where to invest your money. It is more like a financial compass designed to define your long-and-short-term financial objectives. It is a tool to develop goals that can guide you in making investment decisions.

The planning process helps you analyze your current financial situation and what you want to achieve. Once these objectives have been defined, they act like a point on a compass; you are able to clearly see when you are headed in the right direction, and when you are not. But for it to work well, you must check the compass regularly.

With our fluctuating economy, we are now, in a sense, in a rough financial sea. Planning needs to be reviewed more often because the financial "winds" are changing more frequently.

For example, interest rates have started to creep up again. Inflation has dropped dramatically. These factors alone can have a substantial effect on earnings from the stock market, money market accounts, and various other investments.

Depending on your financial goals, these types of investments may or may not be performing as well for

you as they were just a few months ago. Things are changing that quickly.

Another good reason for a mid-year review is that

tax laws enacted in recent years are now taking effect and they too can make a difference in your investment strategy.

Reduced tax brackets, for example, may make some tax shelters less desirable. Last year's general tax cuts and the ones planned for this year also suggest the need for a mid-year review.

Financial Services Industry

Finally, federal deregulation of the financial services industry has resulted in the creation of many new investment opportunities. In fact, so many new investment products are now available, it is difficult to keep abreast of all of the alternatives, let alone determine what is best for your own changing financial situation.

These and other developments, taken together, make a strong case for financial planning and, for those who have a plan, a new review before year-end.

Your financial plan is your compass through a sometimes bewildering sea of changing financial currents and personal financial circumstances. It's a good idea to check it frequently.

For a free packet of financial planning information or to answer your financial planning questions, please contact: Charlie Alvanos at B: 781-2250, or H: 789-0957, 39 High Meadow Road, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030



KIRBY H. GEARING

NU Names Gearing

Kirby H. Gearing of Feeding Hills has been promoted to general and building construction superintendent at Northeast Utilities (NU). G. James Lee, superintendent, Transmission Line Construction and Maintenance, announced the promotion.

Gearing joined NU in 1961 as an engineering technician. Subsequent positions were civil engineering technician, senior engineering technician, and assistant engineer. He became an engineer in 1973 and a supervisor of general construction in 1976.

A graduate of West Springfield High School, Gearing holds a bachelor's degree in engineering and management from Western New England College in Springfield.

He served in the Massachusetts Air National Guard

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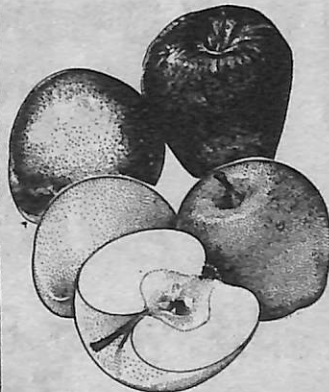


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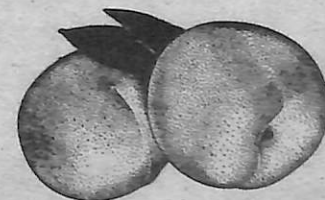
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Legion Inducts Officers, Recognizes Eva Kerr



60-YEAR MEMBER Eva Kerr (left) is pictured with the Legion's oldest living member, Harold Channell. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



NEW OFFICERS OF THE AGAWAM AMERICAN LEGION, inducted on Sunday, August 4th, are, from left - L.D. Straun, financial officer; William Poirier, Jr., second vice-commander; Peter Small, county commander; Glenn Seymour, post commander; Ralph Soden, first vice-commander, and Edward Hottin, adjutant. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



POST COMMANDER GLENN SEYMOUR (left) presents Eva Kerr with her 60-year award as Peter Small, county commander, looks on. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

FIRE-WISE

by Rusty Jenks
Agawam Fire Chief

Electrical Fires - Be Careful!

All fires are dangerous and present a threat of injury due to flames and smoke. However, the electrical fire adds another threat - shock or electrocution. The Agawam Fire Department says that extra care must be taken when presented with an electrical fire.

If an electrical appliance catches fire, first try unplugging it or shutting the electricity off at the fuse or circuit breaker box (don't risk reaching over the fire to do this).

Once the electricity is cut off, most appliance fires will go out.

If cannot shut off the electricity, **do not use water on the fire.** Water conducts electricity and you could be badly shocked.

Use a fire extinguisher, meaning it is approved for use on electrical fires. If you do not have a fire extinguisher, or the fire is too large to fight (bigger around than a trash can), call the Agawam Fire Department immediately.

Sometimes electrical fires begin in the wiring concealed in the walls. If you smell smoke or the odor of electrical burning, don't take chances. Call the Agawam Fire Department immediately. Get everyone out of the house. Don't wait to investigate.

Electrical fires can smolder for hours before causing a fire. You may not be able to see smoke or fire, but it may be there - behind your walls.

It is always better to call the fire department and find you have no problem than to delay the call and lose your home to an electrical fire.

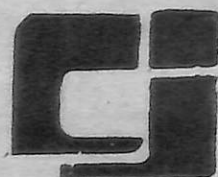
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday & Sunday, August 10th to 11th
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Wednesday, August 14th
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News, Activities At The Agawam Senior Center

A Public Hearing - Friday, August 9th, at 1:00 p.m., in West Springfield

Agawam senior citizens are urged to attend a public hearing at the West Springfield Senior Center, 128 Park Street, West Springfield.

This meeting, held by the Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc., an area agency on aging (Home Care Corporation of Springfield), will focus on needs of the elderly and the agency's plans to provide services in area towns, including Agawam.

Comments are invited from senior citizens, senior citizen advocates, and the public on the needs of the elderly and the proposed plan.

Your attendance is strongly encouraged.

Senior Center Dates

August 20th: 4:30 p.m. Meeting of all class instructors for 1985-86 classes and course.

August 26th: 12:30 p.m. ENERGY BINGO, sponsored by Northeast Utilities. Free bingo, nice prizes, plus a lot of "energy" information.

August 29th: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. FOOD DISTRIBUTION. Distribution will not start before 10:00 a.m. Will be held at the

Senior Center for yellow card holders; at Sacred Heart Church for white card holders.

August 29th: 3:00 p.m. MODERN LITERATURE CLASS. Discussion of "Romeo and Juliet," the summer reading assignment. Richard Mundo is the leader.

September 19th: GREAT CAPE COD LOBSTER/CLAMBAKE and bus tour of Hyannis. Two busses. One leaves Country View at 8:00 a.m.; the second leaves the Senior Center at 8:30 a.m. Names are now being taken for the waiting list.

October 23rd, 24th, and 25th: LAKE GEORGE TRIP: Make reservations now at the Senior Center Ticket Booth, open 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., daily, Monday to Friday.

A \$40 deposit per person is required, with balance payable by October 1st. Single is \$191, double is \$159. There is no reduction for a triple.

Education For The Elderly Mini-College Courses

MODERN LITERATURE: One of the first courses to be offered for 1985-86 will be Modern Literature with Richard Mundo, leader. The books to be studied and discussed will be one by Hermann Hesse, which tells the story of a young Hindu's downfall and resurrection.

Also, "The Bell Jar" by Sylvia Plath, and finally, "The Pearl" by John Steinbeck.

Class time is tentatively scheduled for 3:00 p.m., on Thursdays. The starting date will be announced. To register, call 786-0400, extension 242, or stop in at the director's office and sign-up.

COMPUTER INSTRUCTION: Richard Mundo announces the availability of the Senior Center's IBM Personal Computer for Agawam senior citizens. You can receive instruction on Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday afternoons between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m., starting in September.

Requests will be scheduled on an hourly basis and instruction (learning) tapes will be provided. Call 786-400, extension 242, office of the director, to arrange your time.

Volunteer Sought

The Council on Aging is seeking a volunteer to work through Widowed Persons Service (WPS), assisting recently bereaved. There will be a training session on August 12th, 13th, and 14th, at the Greenwood Center in Longmeadow.

If you have some time to give for this service, call Richard Mundo, 786-0400, extension 242.

Antique Appraisal Day Set For West Side's Josiah House

The Ramapogue Historical Society is sponsoring its "Annual Antique Appraisal Day."

For insurance purposes, for borrowing money, or for your own personal satisfaction, it is recommended that you know what your prized antique possessions are worth.

Douglas Bilodeau and his staff will be at the Day House on Park Street in West Springfield on Saturday, August 17th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to give qualified verbal appraisals.

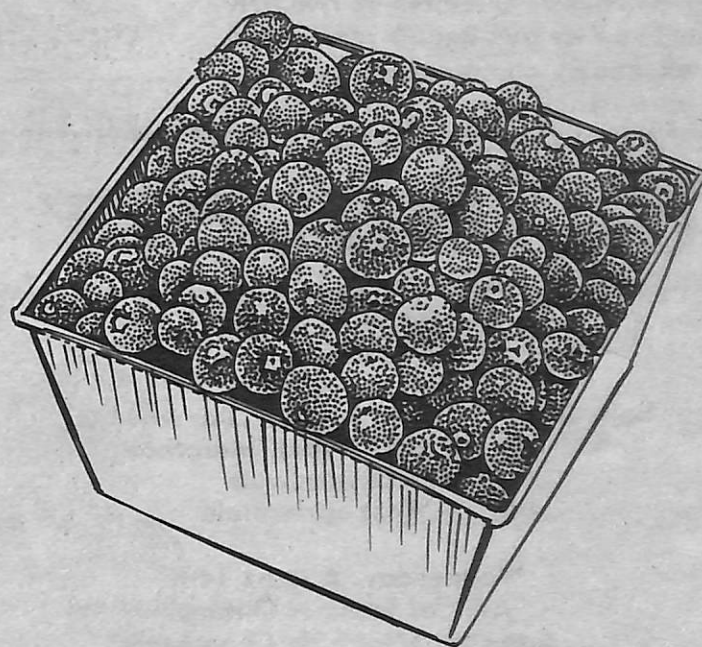
Bilodeau is donating his services and those of his staff to benefit the Josiah Day House. There will be a charge of \$3 for the first item appraised, and \$2 for any others.

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Schools

Kelley Bolduc Attends Jazz Seminar

by Alexis Ferioli
School Dept. Editor

Exhilarating, interesting, and worthwhile are just a few of the adjectives Agawam High School senior Kelley Bolduc uses to describe the week-long jazz improvisational workshop she attended July 22nd to 26th, at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Sponsored for the fifth consecutive year by UMass, "Jazz In July" offers serious music students the opportunity to meet, learn, and work with professional groups and guest artists.

Among the celebrities conducting this year's workshop were the Billy Taylor Trio, comprised of pianist Billy Taylor, bassist Victor Gaskin, and drummer Curtis Boyd.

Other guest artists included Steve Turre, trombone; Ted Dunbar, guitar; Jeff Holmes, trumpet; Fred Tillis, saxophone; Max Roach, drums; and Roberta Davis, vocals.

Also Attended Last Year

Miss Bolduc, who attended last year's workshop, points out that applicants are required to submit a cassette recording of an original improvisation to the university in March.

After listening to these tapes, judges then notified 40 musicians, ranging in age from 16-80, of their selection to be participants in the summer seminar.

The 17 year-old trumpet player relates that a typical day began with a 9:00 a.m., jazz history, theory, and composition lecture, followed by a two-hour session working with either individual professionals or in group combos.

She explains that each student was placed in a combo, according to their ability, consisting of a drummer, bassist, pianist, and guitarist.

During these two-hour sessions, students not only practiced blues progressions, but also learned which notes are acceptable to a song's particular style and measure. Technique, theory, and solo performance were also stressed, she adds.

Following lunch, another workshop was scheduled from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., with individual instrumental instruction taking place from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Tired but stimulated, students concluded their day at 10:30 p.m., after a final combo practice session.

Miss Bolduc believes that trombonist Steve Turre helped her the most during her week's stay. She says that each of the professionals were most willing to take

extra time to aid students with their idea development and theories.

According to her, the workshop's informal setting is ideal for establishing a comfortable rapport with guest artists.

"Being able to live at the university for a week enables students to discuss their ideas with the professionals during meals and free times, as well as during scheduled workshops," says Miss Bolduc.

"I gained a great deal of insight into jazz improvisation just by listening to them while relaxing with a cup of coffee," she adds.

Miss Bolduc states that the week-long session culminated with an outdoor concert by the artists. It featured solo performances by students in their respective combos.

Hopes To Receive Scholarship

Although the cost for her stay was \$300, she hopes to acquire a scholarship from the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council so that she may attend next summer's seminar.

An eight-year musician, Miss Bolduc says that she has noticed a big improvement in herself as a result of the seminar.

"I learned a great deal from my week's stay this year and I'm sure the effect will become evident in my music from now on. Perhaps, the most important lesson I learned this year is that jazz and improvisation are played from your heart, since they represent your innermost feelings.

"Therefore, you are actually playing yourself and must not be afraid to take chances with your music," she tells us.

When school resumes next month, Miss Bolduc will be busy as lead trumpet for the AHS Marching Mohawks and Jazz Band. Besides performing with the concert band, this enterprising young lady will also be found playing with the private quartet "Agawam Brass", of which she is the founder.

An active member of the American Field Service club at the high school (AFS), Miss Bolduc also enjoys weightlifting and attending concerts in her spare time.

The daughter of Cyril & Lorraine Bolduc, Miss Bolduc resides on Florida Drive, with her parents and two brothers, Mark, 18, and Danny, 14.

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AGAWAM HIGH SENIOR KELLEY BOLDUC.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Planterium To Temporarily Close For Renovations

The Springfield Science Museum's Seymour Planetarium and observatory will close temporarily for renovations on August 17th. When programs resume on October 5th, the planetarium will be offering an expanded schedule, featuring special Halley's Comet shows.

The planetarium has recently received \$11,000 from the Museum Shop to install a new control console, purchase additional projectors, and install new wiring. These improvements will make it possible to create new special effects on the planetarium dome, providing the versatility to switch quickly from one program to another.

Beginning October 5th, the new show "A Comet Called Halley" will explore the myths surrounding comets and trace the fascinating story of this famous celestial visitor.

The Science Museum is located on the Quadrangle in downtown Springfield.

Three Students Added To Agawam High Honor Roll

The following three students at Agawam High School were inadvertently omitted from that school's honor roll listing.

The students are Joanne Cecchi, senior; Mark Lepper, sophomore; and Kim Nardi, sophomore.

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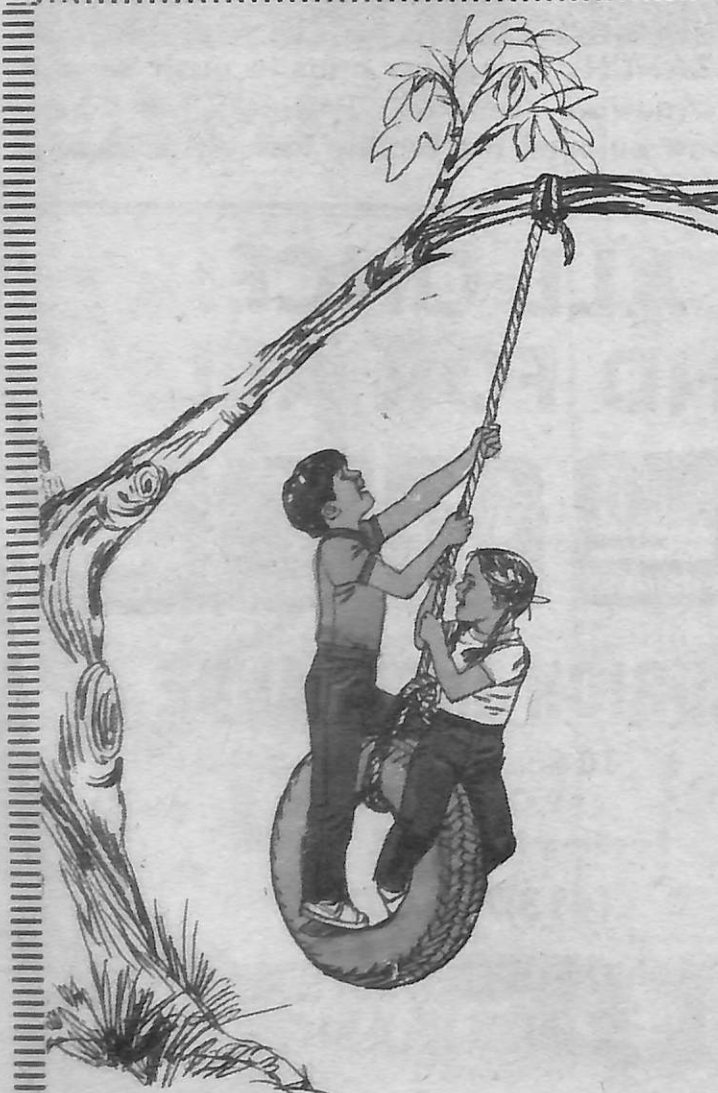
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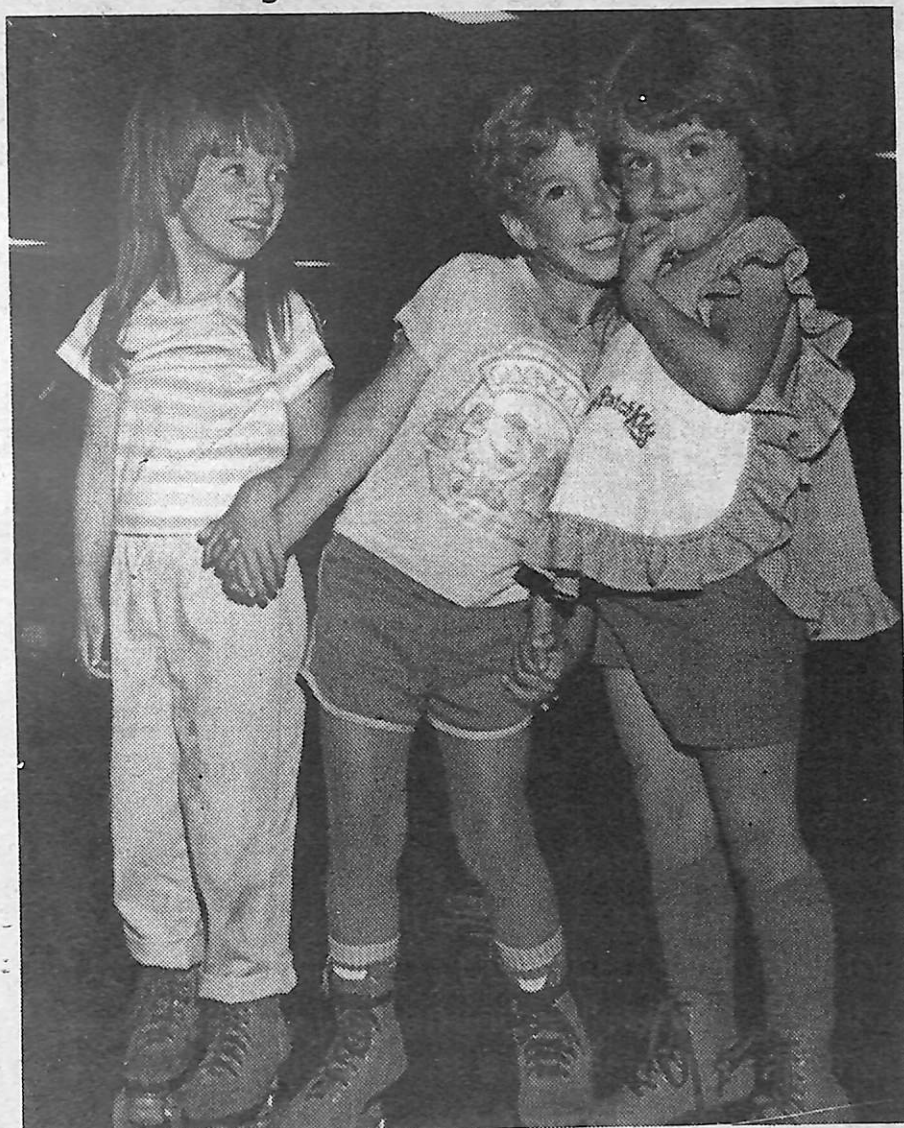
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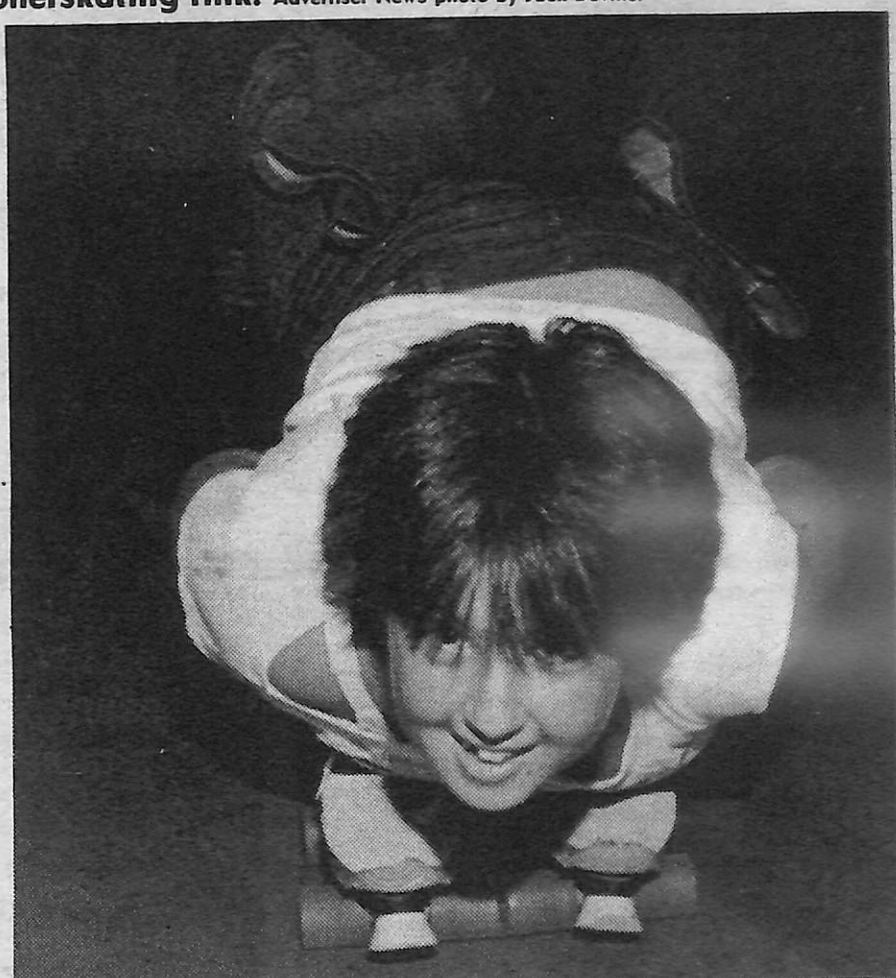
Camp Rainbow Enjoys Day At Agawam Rollaway



WE MADE IT: The entire group from Camp Rainbow gather together last week at the Agawam Rollaway for a day at the popular rollerskating rink. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MAKING SECRET PLANS: TIMOTHY SMYTH whispers a sweet-nothing to Pamela Michon as Terri Cimma (left) waits her turn. The Camp Rainbow children are enjoying themselves at the Agawam Rollaway. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



NANCY BAZANCHUK uses her arms to push herself around the Agawam Rollaway Skating Rink when Camp Rainbow enjoyed the facility last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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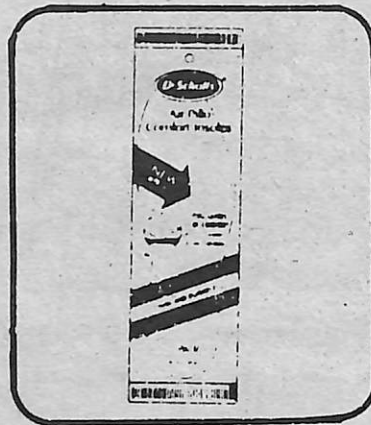
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Junior High Cheerleaders Attend NCA Camp

Nine Agawam Junior High School cheerleaders and their advisor, Fran O'Brien, attended the National Cheerleader Association camp held at Westfield State College, July 22nd to 25th.

The four day camp was a highly concentrated learning experience for the girls and their advisor.

Classes were held from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and the evening sessions were devoted to evaluation of each squad's daily progress.

During the classes, the cheerleaders learned many new cheers for the upcoming school year; were taught correct jump techniques; learned several new jumps; learned safe partner stunt procedures; and worked on incorporating these into a mount and eventually into cheers.

They also attended classes in a relatively new facet of cheering, particularly in the New England area; eight count dance routines which will be incorporated into their floor cheers.

At each of the evening sessions, the cheerleaders were required to perform one home cheer and one cheer learned at camp that day. The camp cheer also had to be changed to include a jump, a stunt, a mount, and a motion from the dance routine.

The evaluation was based on the squad potential and was not a competition between squads. Each squad was evaluated by an NCA staff member, and the freshman cheerleaders worked hard and earned four ribbons.

They were awarded a white ribbon each of the first

two days, and a blue ribbon each of the second two days.

"This is truly a remarkable accomplishment as these nine girls have only one year of cheering experience and were the only junior high school squad at the camp," said Mrs. O'Brien.

For two hours each day, while the cheerleaders attended classes, the advisors also had classes designed to help them become more effective and knowledgeable as coaches. These classes were taught by the NCA staff director.

The NCA is a national cheerleader organization and sponsors summer camps in all areas of the country. There were approximately 20 other squads at the camp from Connecticut and New Hampshire, as well as from communities across Massachusetts.

The girls attending the camp had many opportunities to talk and work with girls from other areas.

The nine girls from Agawam Junior High school who attended the camp were Amy Barber, Carolyn Belniak, Terri Cimaroni, Heather Dupont, Kim Foote, Kim Galarneau, Jessica Giordano, Jamie Milici, and Kristy Wage.

Kelli Sanders, the tenth member of the squad, was unable to attend camp due to a broken foot.

Tryouts for this exciting, demanding, and challenging sport will be held after school at the junior high, beginning Thursday, September 5th.

The new 20-member 1985-86 squad will debut early in the football/soccer season.

BUS REVAMPING - From Page 1...

Charest stresses that he and Ferrari have tried to be equally fair to students in each of the four elementary school districts.

He states that the following streets are only a sample of the routes which will be eliminated, and, therefore, parents should consult the special "Back To School" edition of the *Advertiser News* on Thursday, August 29th, for the completed list.

List Of Streets

Among those streets whose bus service will be discontinued are Pine View Circle, Mallard Circle, Lawnwood Street, Autumn Street, Chestnut Lane, Mountain View, Vadnais Street, Meadowbrook Street,

Clifton, Merrill Drive, High Meadow Road, Pleasant Valley, and Beech Hill Road.

Charest says that he is hopeful parents will cooperate in this endeavor by forming neighborhood groups to walk very young students to bus stops if they feel uncomfortable with the distance.

He relates that an assessment of the new plan will be conducted in six months to deem its worth. If successful, junior high and middle school bus routes will be revamped next year.

"Safety is our foremost concern in the initiation of this new route plan. By allowing buses adequate time to complete their normal routes, speed will no longer be a risk factor," remarks Charest.

Thomas J. Bennett Named To Bowdoin College Honors

Bowdoin College of Maine has announced that 140 Massachusetts students have been named to the Dean's List on the basis of their scholastic achievements during the spring semester of the

1984-85 academic year.

Included on the prestigious list from Feeding Hills is Thomas J. Bennett of 432 North Westfield Street. Bennett will be a senior this fall.

Steve Oberle Chosen Top Physics Student

Agawam High School physics teacher Arthur Gage announces that 1985 graduate Steven Oberle has been selected as the "Outstanding Physics Student" at AHS by the American Association of Physics Teachers.

Oberle was presented a certificate from the association by Gage at an awards ceremony at AHS on June 1st.

Gage tells us that the American Association of Physics Teachers was founded over 50 years ago to encourage excellence in physics teaching. It has approximately 9,800 members in the United States and abroad.

As a means of recognizing the work of physics students, the association annually provides a certificate to the best physics student in each participating high school.

Oberle was also the recipient of the prestigious "Bausch & Lomb Science Award." He was a star tennis player for the school for three years.

The son of Robert & Barbara Oberle of Reed Street, Agawam, Oberle plans to major in engineering when he attends Abilene Christian University in Texas next fall.

Italian-American Scholarships To Be Presented

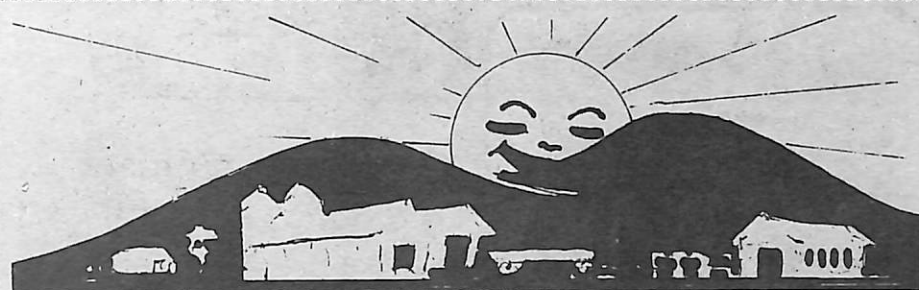
Frank Stirlacci, president of the United Italian-American Societies and Clubs of Greater Springfield, announced today that 15 to 20 Christopher Columbus scholarships, ranging from \$400 to \$1,000, will be available to graduating high school seniors of Italian paternal extraction.

Completed applications must be submitted by August 19th. Applications may be obtained from Ray Di Pasquale, 73 Pineacre Road, Springfield, MA. You may call 782-9346.

The scholarships will be presented during the month of October as part of the Columbus Day celebration, which has been held for the past 34 years.

The festivities include the selection of the Columbus Day Queen and her court, the annual banquet, and the very popular Columbus Day Parade.

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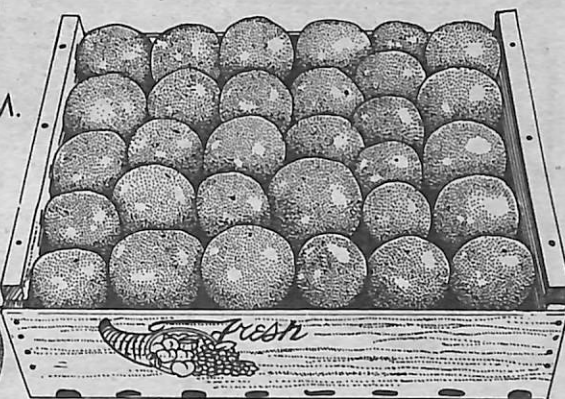


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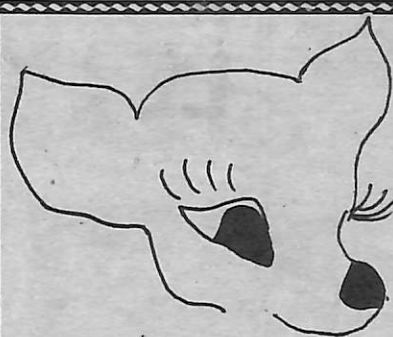


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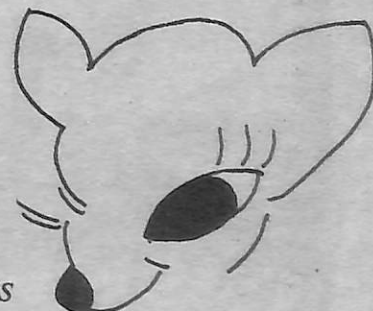
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AHS Class of 1975 Seek Missing Persons

Agawam High School Class of 1975 is planning their 10-year class reunion, to be held on September 7th, at the New Brass Rail in Southwick, starting at 2:00 p.m. The committee is having trouble locating the following classmates:

Robert Beilinski, Roger Boissonneault, Debra Bridges, Eric Brown, Barry Cesan, William Cesan, Michael Chezlawski, Dori-Ann Chimelewski, Candy Clairemont, Debra Daigneau, Jackie Dalton, Charlene Dood, Elaine Edwards, John Fedora, Richard Fleming, Marc Gideous, and Allen Green.

Also, Barbara Jones, Sue Kaminski, Michael Kerr, Debra Kimel, Daniel King, Wayne LaBranch, Gary Nelson, Micky Nonton, Theresa Nieroda, Joan Noonan, Sue Oliver, James Olbon, Richard Pelby, Sara Palin, Tim Patton, Linda Pisano, Cedric Piseigna, Doug Perusse, Doug Paquette, Russell Pierce, Dianne Prentice, Marc Raymond, and Kim Regnier.

Also, Dennis Roberts, Simon Rahma, Dale Ringer, Thomas Schmidt, Virginia Skovolt, Donald Soden, Sandra Sweet, Mitch Talbot, Penny Webster, Cheryl Wilson, Beth Wislocki, and Peter Young.

Anyone with any information about these people, please call Pam Maule Colson, 789-0929, or Nancy Notzakis Richter, 786-7170.

Deadline for tickets is August 24th.

Locals Names Appear On WSC Dean's List

Dr. John F. Nevins, vice-president of Academic Affairs at Westfield State College, has announced the undergraduates who have been named to the Dean's List for academic excellence for the spring semester 1985.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must maintain a grade point average of 3.3 based on a 4.0 system.

Those from Feeding Hills include Denise Bourbonais, 78 Tina Lane, a freshman majoring in media systems and management; Paul Cerpovicz, 11 Frances Street, a junior majoring in biology; Diana Duffus, 67 Oak Lane, a freshman majoring in elementary education; Lisa Frechette, 49 Carmel Lane, a freshman majoring in criminal justice; and Daniel Giordano, 805 North Street, a junior majoring in business management.

Also, Michael Knight, 83 Ridgeview Drive, a sophomore majoring in business management; Karen Mazza, Northwest Street, a junior majoring in physical education; Nancy Muchmore, 32 Belvidere Avenue, a senior majoring in elementary education; Gloria Page, 540 Southwick Street, a junior majoring in psychology; Stephanie Townsend, 26 Forest Hill Road, a sophomore majoring in psychology; and Carol Waniewski, 425 South Westfield Street, a junior majoring in elementary education.

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AIC To Welcome New Students On Sept. 1st

American International College will welcome new students for the fall semester on Sunday, September 1st. There will be three days of orientation for the students before classes begin on Wednesday, September 4th.

Orientation activities have been coordinated by Jill Pennington, director of student activities.

The annual cookout will be held at Edgewood Gardens on Sunday for students and their families. AIC President Harry J. Cournotes will be on hand to greet the guests, as will other members of the faculty and administration. The cookout begins at 4:00 p.m.

On Sunday, students will receive their residence hall assignments, pick-up ID cards, and meet with group leaders. Parents, meanwhile, will have an opportunity to meet with Cournotes in the Karen Sprague Cultural Arts Center and Esther B. Griswold Theatre for the Performing Arts.

That same evening, there will be entertainment in the Campus Center Auditorium provided by "Mr. Simon Sez," Bob Schaeffer. The fun begins at 8:30 p.m.

On Monday, September 2nd, the day begins with breakfast and a welcome by Cournotes for the new students, followed by orientation sessions and then lunch. The afternoon is open for students to enjoy the sunshine. Free frisbees will be handed out in front of the Campus Center.

There will be a picnic dinner on the Dining Commons Quad, followed by a party in the Campus Center Hive. Music will be provided by DJ Lou Maiuri, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Upperclassmen return to the campus on Tuesday, September 3rd, while new students attend school and division meetings in the morning.

Orientation closes out Tuesday evening as students enjoy the comedy routines of Stromberg and Cooper. This starts in the Campus Center at 7:00 p.m.

For more information about orientation at AIC, contact Jill Pennington at 737-7000, extension 258.

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Lions Club To Host P&R Penny Carnival

The Agawam Lions Club's "Picnic/Penny Carnival to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy is slated for Wednesday, August 14th, as the Agawam Park & Recreation Department sponsored Summer Day is participating for the third year.

In conjunction with the campers efforts, the Lions Club donates hot dogs, soda, chips, and other edibles to help the campers with their fundraising. Last year, over \$150 was raised by the youngsters.

The P&R Summer Day Camp, headed by director Gus Young, holds a morning of penny carnival activities. The camp counselors prepare the activities, featuring such challenges as ring toss, dice rolling, and the wet-sponge throw.

George Schlagel, chairman of the Lions Club boys' and girls' committee, says that this is just one of the many community activities that the Lions Club helps out with.

"We provide all the food for the campers to help them in their fundraising," Schlagel tells us. "All the kids are welcome to eat what we provide and I know it's a good time for them."

According to P&R Director Jack Kunasek, any camper who attended the camp at any time this summer is welcome to participate.

JUDITH KELLIHER

Technical High School Plans 1966 Reunion

The Technical High School Class of 1966 is planning a 20th year reunion for the spring of 1986.

The reunion committee is seeking information concerning the location of fellow classmates. If you are a graduate or know the whereabouts of a graduate who has left the area, please contact: 75 Kelly Drive, West Springfield, or call 786-5326 or 734-9053 after 5:00 p.m., on weekdays only.

Anyone interested in serving on the committee is asked to contact class president Paul Gagliarducci at 734-9053. A committee meeting will be held during the month of August.



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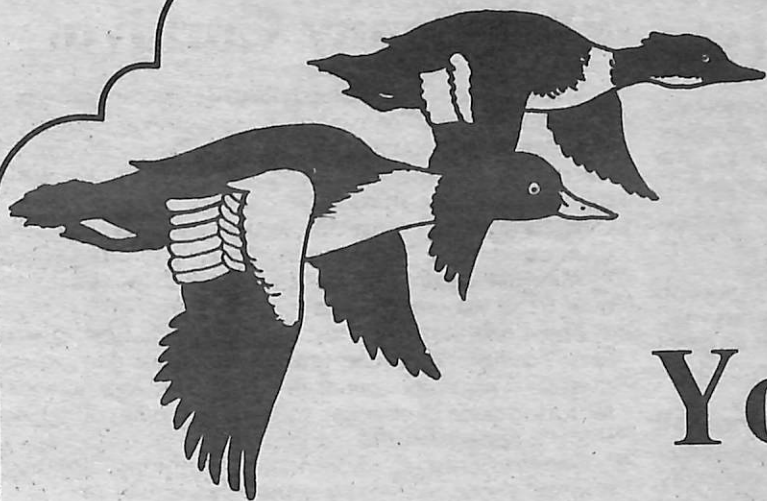


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PHILM REVIEW

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The Man With One Red Shoe: 1 1/2 Stars

Based on the 1972 French Farce titled *The Tall Blond Man With One Black Shoe*, this comedy stars Tom Hanks (*Splash*, *Bachelor Party*) as a young man who becomes an unwitting pawn in the cloak-and-dagger rivalry between the director (Charles Durning) of the CIA and his power-hungry second-in-command (Dabney Coleman).

The Man With One Red Shoe succeeds in its comical depiction of espionage agents. Most of the spys in the story are inept clods who are constantly making stupid mistakes. Their bungling antics are reminiscent of the late Peter Sellers' jocular tomfoolery in the *Pink Panther* movies.

The film also benefits from the delightful supporting performance by *Saturday Night Live*'s Jim Belushi as Hanks' best friend.

Like his older brother, the late John Belushi, he has a clownish yet good-natured screen presence, and this quality turns his otherwise insignificant role into a memorable character who is both funny to watch and easy to care for.

However, the humorous moments in *The Man With One Red Shoe* aren't able to offset the picture's major flaws. Although its running time is approximately 90 minutes, the movie seems to last for an extra hour because the action moves at an incredibly slow pace.

Moreover, the film occasionally goes overboard with its slapstick comedy. The witlessness of the majority of the story's secret agents is, as I said earlier, a great source of humor, but these characters are sometimes engaged in ridiculous situations which are too foolish to be truly funny.

Surprisingly, Hanks gives a disappointing performance. Unlike his lively portrayals in *Splash* and *Bachelor Party*, this comedian's acting in *The Man With One Red Shoe* is totally without spirit.

He does nothing but walk through his role, and his lack of vitality is especially apparent when his character falls in love with a spy played by Lori Singer (*The Falcon and the Snowman* and *Footloose*), a young actress who has a bland sexiness as well as a noticeable deficiency of talent.

National Lampoon's European Vacation: 1 1/2 Stars

Two summers ago, the Clark Griswald family from Chicago drove to California and encountered much trouble along the way in the film *National Lampoon's Vacation*.

This summer, the Griswalds don't fare any better when they fly across the Atlantic and travel to England, France, Germany, and Italy in a sequel titled *National Lampoon's European Vacation*.

Though they take place in different locales, both of these pictures are basically lowbrow comedies about the difficulties one can encounter when one journeys far from home.

But unlike its predecessor, *National Lampoon's European Vacation* suffers from an overkill of its jokes.

For example, when Clark Griswald (once again played by Chevy Chase) is driving a rented car in England, he gets into an automobile accident because he forgot that people drive on the left side of the road in England.

This visual gag is droll the first time around, but it becomes old hat when Clark gets into two more crashes within the next few minutes.

Additionally, one of the victims (portrayed by *Monty Python*'s Eric Idle) of these car accidents pops up a couple of times throughout the course of the Griswalds' vacation.

While the character's initial appearance supplies us with a few chuckles, his subsequent showings are monotonous and not in the least bit amusing.

Despite the repetitious nature of its humor, *National Lampoon's European Vacation* is not bankrupt of uproariously funny scenes.

The Griswalds' inadvertent destruction of England's historic Stonehenge is a notable instance of the movie's occasionally imaginative physical comedy.

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ELEMENTARY BAND DIRECTOR SALLY LOWELL (left) leads the clarinet section of the Middle School/Elementary Band at a summer concert on Wednesday, July 31st, at the Agawam High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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The fairgoer is able to see the best of New England in the time it takes to walk through the six buildings. The setting is historic. The buildings represent traditional and new attractions that make each state unique.

Massachusetts started the trend in 1919, two years after the first Exposition was held, when the state built a replica of its Old State House.

The building, which cost the Commonwealth of Massachusetts \$50,000 at the time, was created to house displays and exhibits of the Bay State.

Today, it features a wide variety of agricultural and horticultural exhibits as well as tourist attractions and performing groups from throughout the state.

A short walk will take you from Massachusetts to Maine where the second building, a replica of Maine's original state house, was constructed on the Avenue of States in 1925 for \$50,000.

Situated next to the Massachusetts Building, it features forest animals, Maine baked potatoes (with everthing on 'em) and special Maine Day activities representing the Pine Tree State.

Georgian Structure

After experiencing the beautiful sights of Maine, fairgoers can visit the Vermont Building, a Georgian structure completed in 1929 and dedicated during that year's fair as the third addition to the Avenue of States.

There you will be drawn in by the compelling smells of fresh apple pie and maple sugar, two delicious reasons to visit the Green Mountain State.

From ski vacations to beekeeping, the Vermont Building offers modern as well as traditional attrac-

tions of the state for everyone to see.

Just a few more steps will bring you to the New Hampshire Building, erected and dedicated in 1930. The structure was built at a cost of \$60,000, using New Hampshire granite for its columns and exterior trim. It features a curved porch and tall columns similar in style to the White House. A state map is built into the main entrance walk, showing the state's counties and major cities.

Seasonal aspects of the state are highlighted with displays featuring leisure time facilities, while New Hampshire's visitors can enjoy traditional maple sugar, fudge, and candy.

The Connecticut Building, a modified replica of the Old State Capitol in Hartford, had its cornerstone placed by former Connecticut Governor Wilbur L. Cross during the 1938 Exposition.

The \$85,000 structure, with the famous Bulfinch front, weathered the great hurricane of that year and was dedicated in September 1939.

The Nutmeg State's building features exhibits on popular tourist attractions, commercial products, and a wide array of Connecticut's fine fruits and vegetables.

The \$150,000 Rhode Island Building was dedicated in 1957, marking the completion of the Avenue of States and the realization of the dream of the Exposition's first president, Joshua L. Brooks.

It is a replica of the Old State House which is now preserved as a shrine in Newport. The Rhode Island Building features exhibits of beautiful coastline and inland attractions, handicrafts, agricultural products, and seafood, enticing you to pack your bags and head for the Ocean State.

The Avenue of States is one of the many free exhibits at The Big E, "New England's Great State Fair," which will run from September 11th to September 22nd, this year.

Southwick Artist Featured At Laughing Brook Center

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center will present an exhibit of mixed media works by Southwick artist Sally Killips.

A self-taught artist and naturalist, Miss Killips' concern for wildlife and its protection are represented in her works.

Life-sized or half-sized birds and animals are her main subjects, with a special interest in the large birds of prey.

Miss Killips' style is realistic, but done in a strong and contemporary manner. The type of medium used varies, according to the subject matter. She uses pen and ink with wash to preserve the personality of wildlife.

The exhibit will open in the Audubon Gallery on Sunday, August 18th, and will run through September 26th. The public is invited to view the works of Miss Killips.

For more information, call Laughing Brook at 566-8034.

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And, with regards to the acting, witty and credible performances are given by Beverly D'Angelo in the role of Clark's wife and Dana Hill and Jason Lively as the teenage Griswald children.

The film, however, doesn't get a recommendation from me because of Chase's (*Fletch*) portrayal of Clark Griswald.

His performance in *National Lampoon's European Vacation* exudes a smug, attention-seeking quality which has typified his entire career as a comedian.

To me, good old Chevy is the kind of guy who would put a lampshade on his head and say, "Yuk, Yuk! Ain't I funny, folks? Yuk, yuk!"

Apparently, the makers of this picture were also aware of this aspect of Chase's acting.

At the beginning of the story, the Griswalds appear on a TV game show titled *A Pig in a Poke* and get their trip to Europe as a prize.

While on this game show, Clark and his family are dressed in pig costumes, thereby giving Chevy the perfect opportunity to be a bigger ham than he normally is.

THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

- *The Man With One Red Shoe*: Rated PG for some mature humor.

- *National Lampoon's European Vacation*: Rated PG-13 for some strong language and nudity.

"Pippin" Kicks-Off Sundays In Park Series

"Pippin" the musical blockbuster that ran four-and-a-half years on Broadway, will be performed by Center Stage, a group out of Northampton, on Sunday, August 11th, as the kick-off performance of Springfield Sundays in the Park.

The show, with a score by "Godspell" composer and lyricist Stephen Schwartz, will be free of charge at 7:30, at the Forest Park Barney Amphitheatre.

The title character in Roger O. Hirson's parable was suggested by the first born son of Emperor Charles the Great, but bears little resemblance to any actual historical character. The Pippin represented here is the prototype idealistic youth searching for ultimate fulfillment.

Ken Campbell of Northampton will be seen as the young prince who has very much to learn about the world. Pippin attempts many things in his life; seemingly satisfied with little.

His story is conjured up by a colorful troupe of traveling actors led by John Panzer of Greenfield in the role of a fast-talking, high-stepping, master of ceremonies, who steps forth and promises "a stunning example of magic and merriment."

He further explains that we will follow Pippin's adventures without worrying about historical authenticity. On Broadway, Ben Vereen portrayed this role.

Diedrick Snoek will be seen as the eighth century emperor Charlemagne and his wife, Pippin's predatory stepmother, is played by Mary Lapinski.

Kathy Walunas, who also directed the show, will play Pippin's grandmother and lead everyone in a rousing sing-along. The handsome widow who captures Pippin's heart will be played by Martha Snoek, and Rusty Reinke will appear as Pippin's conceited half-brother Lewis.

Others in the 15 member cast include Kate Lapinski, Teresa Pufall, Jayne Finn, Deb Edwards, Miles Pufall, Noah Ganter, Josh Warren, and Kevin Marvelli.

The choreographer for "Pippin" is John Panzer, who is creating dances that range from minstrel show soft show to sultry acrobatics.

The audience is encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets to view the performance at the natural stage at the Barney Amphitheatre.

City Councilor Mary Montori will serve as mistress of ceremonies for this first Sundays in the Park show.

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Antique Dealers Set For Storowton Village

More than 70 antique dealers throughout New England will display and sell their collectibles at Storowton Village's Annual Antique and Collectibles Market, scheduled for Sunday, August 25th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

Both antique lovers and non-collectors are invited to enjoy the many unusual items available, including antique jewelry, collectable glass, fabric, furniture, pewter, antique prints and older paper items, and some antique reproductions.

A special feature will be David Rubin of Springfield. He will demonstrate techniques on antique restoration. Rubin has restored pieces in museums across the country, including the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., and the Fine Arts Museums in Boston and Springfield.

The village's herb garden, located in the backyard of the Gilbert House, will be open as will the F. Potter General Store, and the Carriage Trader Gift Shoppe.

Herbal teas and light fare will be available in the colonial Wine Garden behind the Phillips House.

Admission and parking are free. For further information, contact June Cook, Storowton Village director, at the village office, 787-0137.

Rock N' Roll Lives At Riverside Park

Three legendary rock and roll originators from the 1960's are back to do it again at Riverside Park. Tommy James, Lou Christie, and Del Shannon will appear live in concert at Riverside Park on Friday, August 9th, at 8 p.m.

The concert, sponsored by Budweiser, will take place in the Speedway area of the park. Park admission for the day includes the concert as well as all rides and attractions.

Starring in the concert will be Tommy James, who taught himself to play the guitar at the age of nine. He proved himself very successful in the music industry where he quickly gained 23 gold singles.

Among his most popular are "Mony Mony", "Crimson and Clover", and "Crystal Blue Persuasion". Also featured will be Lou Christie, a big favorite of Dick Clark's "Caravan of Stars". The songs he co-wrote and made hits of include, "Light in Strikes", "I'm Gonna Make You Mine" and "How Many Teardrops".

The talents of these men, along with Del Shannon of "Runaway" fame, will combine for a night of entertainment that should not be missed.

For glossy copies of photos appearing in this edition, please call Jack Devine at his home. Call Jack at 789-0053.

Mattoon Street Fair Set For September 7th-8th

One hundred ten artists and craftspeople will exhibit their work on historic Mattoon Street in downtown Springfield on September 7th and 8th, according to Nancy Piela, chairwoman.

The annual event offers not only a wide selection of arts and crafts for sale, but also live entertainment, food concessions, and souvenirs. Admission to the festival is free.

All major mediums will be represented: oils, acrylics, watercolors, drawings, graphics, and photography. In addition, pottery, stained glass, jewelry, handweaving, and wood and metal items will be exhibited.

With 110 successful applicants, the festival is 37 percent larger than last year's event. The exhibitors are from the New England states, New York, Pennsylvania, and Florida.

Entertainment will feature Stephen Baird, street singer; Alexander Feldman, jester on a unicycle; and Andy May, guitarist and vocalist.

Mattoon Street, site of 12 prior festivals, is part of Springfield's first historic district to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Brick herringbone sidewalks, gaslights, and Victorian brick and brownstone rowhouses create a unique 19th century setting for this established outdoor show.

For further information, contact the Mattoon Arts Festival at 788-0817.

Craftadventure '85 Coming To Eastern States

Plan now for Craftadventure '85, the Eastern States Exposition's annual contest and showcase of some of the finest crafts in the fabric-fiber medium found anywhere in the region.

This three-day event is scheduled August 23rd to 25th in the New England Center on the Big E fairgrounds, West Springfield, and is sponsored by the Exposition's Creative Crafts Department.

Judging takes place prior to the show and winning entries are displayed throughout the event, and also during the 12-day Big E - "New England's Great State Fair" - September 11th to 22nd.

Beginners and experienced craftspeople alike will enjoy competing in this event or just admiring the work of others. More than 500 entries are expected in a total of 14 classes, including rugs, quilts, embroidery, hand-weaving, macrame, crocheted and knitted items, plus

Special Family Day At Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is sponsoring a special **Family Day** on Sunday, August 11th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Plan for some summer fun by spending the entire day at Laughing Brook for one-half the regular admission price.

In addition to half price admission to the sanctuary, several special activities have been planned. At 1:00 p.m., a guided walk around the Animal Loop will begin with interesting information about the resident animals.

At 2:00 p.m., the grand opening of the Big River Loop will take place. Families can enjoy a tour of this recently reopened trail.

As always, families can enjoy a quiet walk along the four miles of easy hiking trails; tour the restored Storyteller's house; visit the Audubon Shop; or observe native New England animals in outdoor enclosures.

Laughing Brook staff members will be on hand to greet visitors and to answer any questions.

Family Day fees will be \$1.50 for adults, and 75 cents for children (under 16) and senior citizens. Admission is free for members of the Massachusetts Audubon Society.

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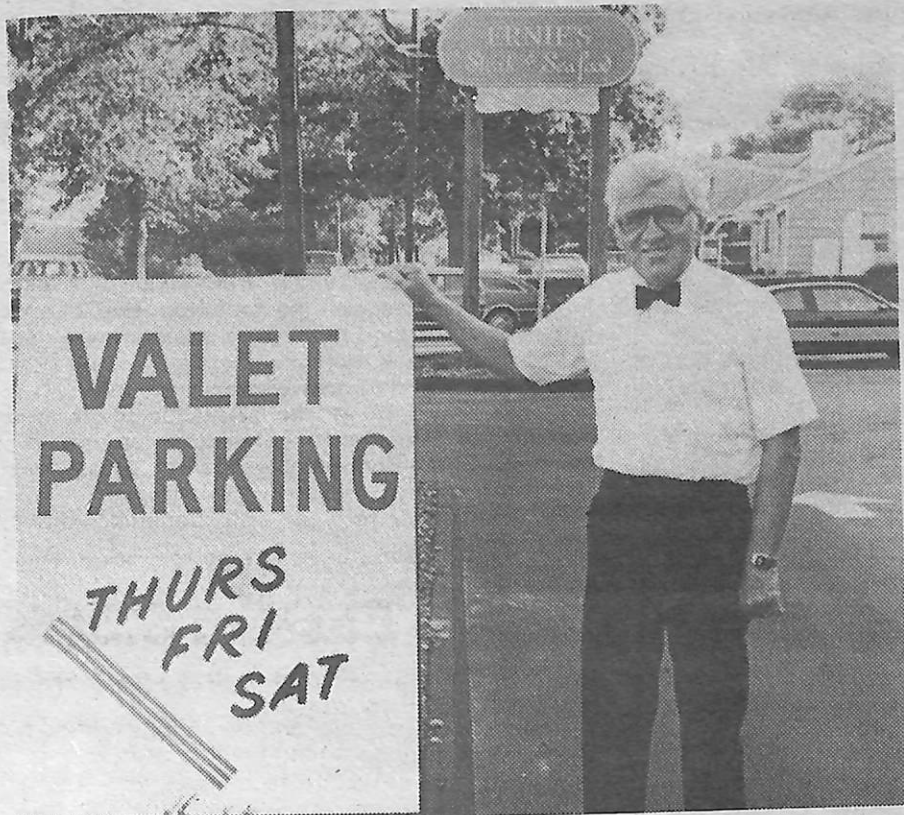
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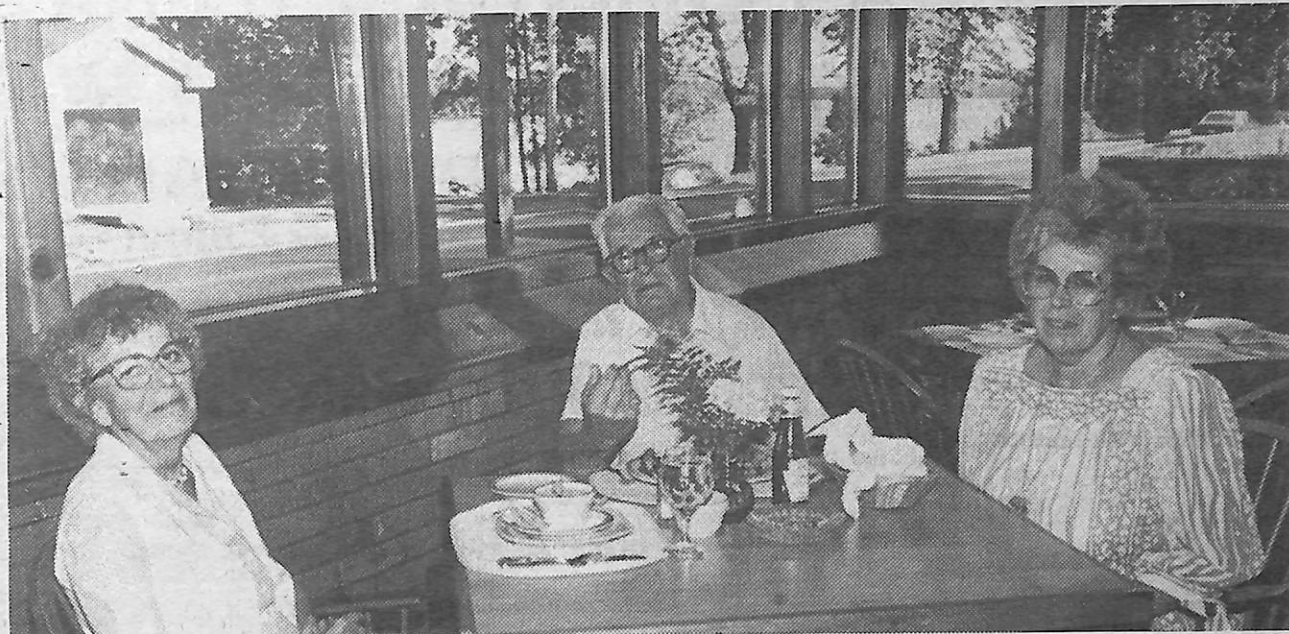


VALET PARKING is a feature on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evening at Ernie's Steak & Seafood Restaurant says employee Fred Roy. The restaurant opened its doors for dinner to the general public on Friday, August 2nd. The restaurant is located on River Road. Before massive renovations, it was called the Green Gables. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



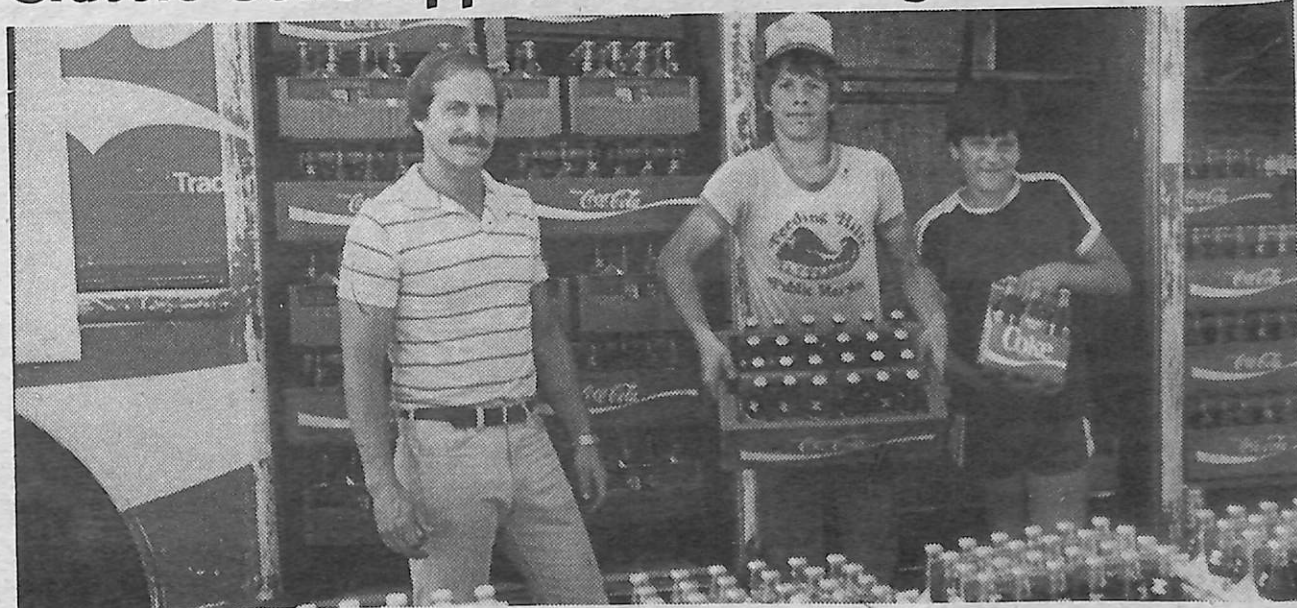
HOSTESSES CATHLEEN DEVINE (left) and Irene Hopp welcome early customers to the opening of Ernie's Steak & Seafood Restaurant on Friday, August 2nd.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



BARBARA MORRISSEY (right), manager of Ernie's Steak & Seafood Restaurant on River Road, receives the stamp of approval from Amelia & Clifford White of Agawam about the service and food at the areas newest restaurant. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Classic Coke Appears At Feeding Hills Public

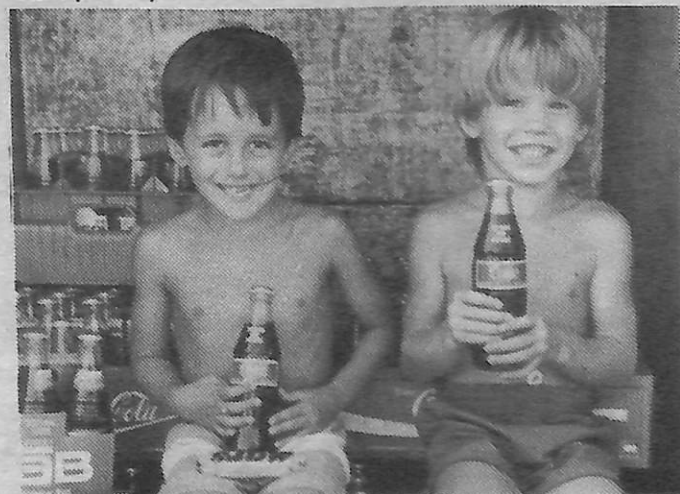


OWNER AND OPERATOR OF FEEDING HILLS PUBLIC MARKET Gary Suffriti (left) watches as helpers Tony Suffriti and Joel Rocco unload the Coke truck at his giant truckload sale on Sunday, August 4th. Advertiser News photo by Jack



GARY SUFFRITI waits on customer Kathy Suffriti at last weekend's truck sale. Kathy prefers Diet Coke. Advertiser

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WE'LL TAKE COKE ANY WAY we can get it say Kyle Gendron and Kevin Suffriti last Sunday at Feeding Hills Public Market. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Down East Variety Holds Grand Opening Weekend



DOWN EAST VARIETY STORE on Main Street, Agawam Center, held its grand opening under new management all last weekend. Showing up to greet the new owners were members of the softball team sponsored by the store. Back row, from left, are team members Steve Grenier, coach, Tim Ayre, Jim Egan, and Ed Rahilly. Front row - John Calabrese, Bill Egan, Ted Dobek, and Dan Giordano. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE FAMOUS "SLUSH PUPPY" was on hand all last weekend to greet the youngsters at Down East Variety's grand opening under new ownership. Pictured with the Slush Puppy are Carl & Michelle Novak. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Westbank Officials Open Newest Branch In Westfield

Park West Bank and Trust Company, commonly referred to as Westbank, opened its eighth office last week in Westfield.

The newest Westbank "community office" is located at 437 East Main Street in the Little River Shopping Center. Westbank has been serving the Westfield community for many years through the West Springfield, Feeding Hills, and Holyoke offices.

As the only independent commercial bank in Hampden County, Westbank's growth for the past 25 years has been phenomenal.

Westbank has assets totaling over \$124 million. As a full service bank, Park West Bank and Trust Company offers over 60 different types of services, including trust services and automated teller machines.

"The competitive environment of New England banking has undergone a dramatic metamorphosis during the past three years; interest rate ceilings on most deposits have been abolished, non-bank companies have aggressively sought to penetrate into traditional banking activities; and the recent mergers of New England's largest commercial banks into "Super Mega Banks" affords us the opportunity to target our market, providing personal financial services to those people who prefer doing business with a full service independent commercial bank that is dedicated to excellence and serving the needs of the community with integrity and understanding", according to Theodore P. Kosior, president and chief executive officer.

Assuming all commercial and community responsibilities for the Westfield area will be James A. Rogers, vice president of Westbank. Rogers is a Westfield native and a professional banker who has served the Westfield community for the past 30 years.

The staff of the Advertiser News extends our best wishes to our many friends at Park Westbank. Good luck in Westfield and thank-you for your support over the years.!



THE EIGHTH OFFICE OF PARK WESTBANK & TRUST COMPANY was officially opened in the Little River Shopping Plaza, 437 East Main Street, Westfield, on Friday, August 2nd, by bank prexy and local officials. From left - Theodore P. Kosior, president; William A. Franks, chairman of the board; James A. Rogers, vice-president; Charles W. Medeiros, acting mayor of Westfield; Steven D. Pierce, state representative; Cele Hahn, owner radio station WLDM of Westfield; and Raymond J. Labbe, executive vice-president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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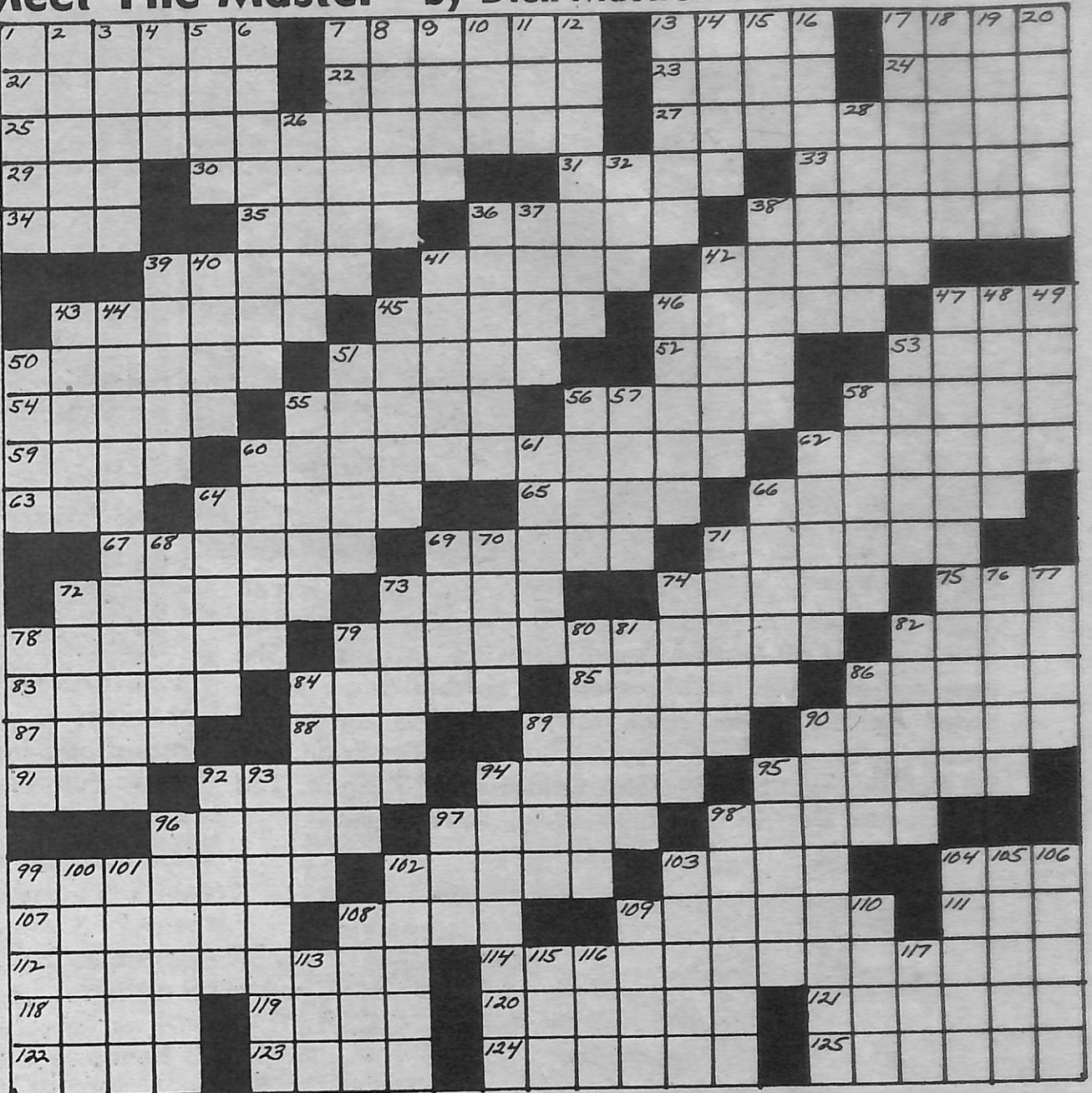
ACROSS

1. Nautical term
7. Pieces of sixpence
13. Pistons
17. Ahasuerus's minister
21. Affair
22. Brewing container
23. Copyread
24. Polynesian god
25. The place to be
27. Places of origin
29. French summer
30. Triads
31. Always
33. Vacation spot
34. Hushing sound
35. Assists
36. Jewish festival
38. Guardians in Britain
39. Adores
41. Boundary stones
42. Fine china name
43. Whittles
45. Bet
46. Board game
47. "The buck stops here" man
50. Uncultivated one
51. Assemble
52. Famous Norma
53. "Road man"
54. Future star
55. Adhesive
56. Beet
58. Citrus fruit
59. Copy cat
60. "Gee, but I-----" song title
62. Sire
63. Abner's father
64. An NCO familiarly
65. Ooze
66. Most domesticated
67. Arbitrator
69. Takes it easy
71. Hurting the most
72. Ryan, Tatum et al
73. Tapa
74. Tatter
75. Clairvoyant's forte
78. Linear ridges in Geol.
79. Type of series
82. Tardy
83. "Go fly-----"
84. Alcoran
85. Angry
86. Birthplace of Sant' Antonio
87. Without in France
88. Mine find
89. Roils
90. Heptads
91. Unit of energy
92. Antonio's instrument
94. Disburse
95. Range animals
96. Pebble
97. Barren
98. What Custer took
99. Oregon port city
102. Roebuck's partner
103. Actor Jamie
104. Swiss river
107. Type of pass
108. Depots
109. Delight
111. Sibling for Sis
112. Beginning and end in a sport
114. Message carriers
118. Silkworm
119. Pitcher
120. Display
121. Name for a horse
122. Kremlin people
123. Actor Bruce
124. Abraded
125. Rasps

DOWN

1. "-----" TO ASHES,-----"
2. Word before sayer
3. Popular Newspaper name
4. Before
5. Repose
6. Home for the Eli
7. Spirited mounts
8. Fountain and Rose
9. Arena cheers
10. GI mailing address
11. Jones or Swift
12. Guided
13. Baste over
14. Smell
15. Darkish
16. Sound systems
17. "-----" of Honey"-song title
18. Estate
19. Conductor/Composer Previn
20. Hot beds
26. Great lake Indians
28. Accommodate
32. -----a-vis
36. Popeyes Pete

Meet The Master - by Dick Mastroianni



37. Nobel physicist
38. Rate of movement
39. Tennis star Rod
40. Meaning of uber
41. Valetta's land
42. Ratio
43. Incline
44. Mr. Aaron
45. What haste makes
46. Muscle problem
47. Settlers
48. Completely tired
49. Pilot or tube
50. Look over
51. "Home on the -----"
53. Employs
55. Young salmon
56. Cuisiniere
57. Rakes
58. Crippled
60. Cries
61. Japanese port city
62. Paris to AEF
64. Forbear
66. Scat singer Mel
68. Congregates

69. Nepal priest
70. Judah's descendant
71. Liquor Measurements
72. Scandinavian Oscar
73. Drilled
74. Fragment
76. Astonishes
77. Legumes
78. Soothe
79. Eirene
80. Saltpeters
81. Decoction
82. Washed
84. Chosen
86. Hammer part
89. Box
90. Black bird
92. Fragment
93. Warbled
94. Hides away
95. Thong
96. "-----" a boil"
97. Meaning of mer
98. Drooped
99. Biblical character
100. Seed

101. Shy
102. Strict
103. Hedge
104. Like - out of -"
105. Mr. Palmer
106. What are red?
108. Suffix: agent
109. Peel
110. German river
113. Reverence
115. Eggs
116. Chief deity
117. High note

Hi-Lighters Plan Aug. 17 Sq. Dance

The Agawam Hi-Lighters Square Dance Club will hold a dance on Saturday, August 17th, at Stanley Park, Westfield, at 7:30 p.m. Gordon Siddall will be the caller and Linn Case will cue the rounds.

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Sports

Desi's Stunned, Sliech Moves On, As Women's Playoffs Underway



MARY BALL of Sliech Auto Body prepares to uncork on a moonball in playoff action earlier this week. Advertiser

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LAURIE BRUSSO of Billy T's connects in their battle vs. Supreme Court, in semifinal action. Advertiser News photo by Jack

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West Side Ousts Sliech Auto Body Desi's In Women's Stops Elbow In B Div. A Softball

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Fourth seeded West Springfield Legion Post 207, which struggled all season long, finally put all the pieces together as they eliminated top-seeded Desi's Place with a two-game sweep in the semi-final round in the Agawam Women's Slo-Pitch Softball playoffs, Division A.

At Harmon Smith Field on Monday, August 5th, West Side cruised to an easy, 8-2 triumph in game one. The second contest was much tighter as Sandy Cross smacked a basehit, plating the game winner in game two, 3-2.

Legion now advances to the finals and will face the winner of the Village Lounge (second seed) and Bucaneer Lounge Red (third seed) struggle. This semifinal series was tied at one game each at presstime.

Village and Buc Red were scheduled to play the third and deciding game on Wednesday, August 7th. The finals are slated to begin on Thursday, August 8th, for both Division A & B in the women's league.

In game one, Legion clung to a slim, 1-0 lead thanks to an RBI single to rightcenterfield by catcher Mary Murray. But they unloaded for seven runs in the top of the fifth to take an 8-0 lead. Desi's never recovered.

Legion hit through the order in the high-scoring fifth. Chris Kolb (RBI), Cathy Ashe (RBI), and a grand slam to rightfield by Cindy Grieve fueled the salvo.

Pitcher Cathy Ashe held the normally hard-hitting Desi's to just seven hits. In fact, Desi's didn't scratch-out any runs until the bottom of the sixth. Here, Katie Davidson's RBI safety accounted for their only scoring.

Davidson, Judy Driscoll, and Reanne Burke all got two hits for Desi's.

With the first game securely tucked away, Legion played with much more confidence in earning the clinching, 3-2 victory in game two.

Desi's was still visibly shaken from the events of the night before and when they didn't take command immediately, Legion refused to let the momentum leave their side of the field.

Legion served notice right away they were for real in the first inning with a two-run sacrifice fly by Debbie Engels and Cross' game-winning hit.

Defensively, Legion's much-improved play for both games was sparked by Cathy Meader (LCF), Engels (SS), Ashe (P), and Julie Paolino (3B).

Local Hockey Association To Hold Sign-Ups

The Agawam-West Springfield Hockey Association is conducting registration for the 1985-1986 season, for any child who is interested in playing hockey.

They will be placed on a team according to their ability where coaches will offer instruction on how to play hockey and how to improve their skills.

Any child living in Agawam or West Springfield, between the ages of six and 17, is eligible to sign up.

You can register or get further information by calling 786-5565.

Top-seeded Sliech Auto Body had to hold off a determined fourth seeded Elbow Lounge en route to a sweep of their best of three series on Tuesday, August 6th, in the semifinals of the Division B in the Agawam Women's Slo-Pitch Softball League.

In both games, Elbow made a huge effort to come back in the last inning, but bowed to Sliech Auto, 6-5 in game one, and 7-6 in game two.

Sliech now advances to the finals against the winner of the Billy T's and Supreme Court semifinal, which failed to determine a winner by presstime.

Billy T's took the first game, 12-2, but Supreme was ahead, 8-4 in game two before it was called because of darkness. Play will resume Wednesday, August 7th.

The finals for both Division A & B are slated for Thursday, August 8th.

In game one, Elbow opened up with one run, but Sliech answered with two runs in the bottom of the first on consecutive hits by Diane Circosta-Aspinal and Sue Case.

The game remained 2-1 until Elbow evened it on a tremendous triple by Lisa Gariepy, who went on to score after a wild throw to third on the same play.

Sliech added four runs on clutch hits by Debbie Doughman, and errors off hits by Case and Julie Fife. Sliech led, 6-2 after six innings.

Sensing things were getting desperate, Elbow came to life in the top of the seventh as they scored three runs to put a real scare into Sliech.

Sharon Taupier reached on an error to begin the surge. Collette Allan rapped a single to rightfield, scoring Taupier. Gariepy laced a single to centerfield, and hustling baserunning by Allan notched another run. Maureen Ogert's infield sacrifice scored what proved to be their final run.

It was a repeat performance in game two as Elbow put on an even more impressive last ditch effort with five runs in the bottom of the seventh.

A five-run fifth inning was the highlight for Sliech, powered by big hits from MaryLou Lombard, Circosta-Aspinal, and Sandy Rosa.

Schoolgirls Interested In AHS Gymnastics - Attention

All girls interested in varsity gymnastics at Agawam High School should immediately contact coach Laura Bruso at 786-2824, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Remember: to participate on the team, you must get your physical at the Agawam High School at 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, August 20th.

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Village, Buc Red Locked At 1-1

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

In a well-matched battle, second seeded Village Lounge and defending Division A champion Bucaneer Lounge Red (third seed) split the first two games of their best of three series beginning on Monday, August 5th, in the semifinals of the Agawam Women's Slo-Pitch Softball League.

Village, behind an all-out team effort, captured game one, 6-3, but saw a more aggressive and determined Buc Red team on Tuesday, August 6th, in game two. Buc Red took that one, 5-1, sending the semifinal series to the wall on Wednesday, August 7th (presstime).

The survivor will advance to the finals vs. West Springfield Legion Post, a team that scored a big upset over top-seeded Desi's Place in a two-game, semifinal sweep.

Village Lounge, which finished 17-7 during the regular campaign, relied more on key defensive plays than their hitting to carry the victory in game one. They eeked out a 2-0 lead in the first on a Darcy Galarneau RBI triple. Galarneau eventually scored due to a costly obstruction call on Buc Red's first baseman.

Defensively, Karen Fitzgerald (SS), Liz Pappas (3B), Marcia Barker (1B), and winning pitcher Peg Buckley were the standouts.

Buc Red turned the tables in game two as they found both their offense and defense sharpened considerably.

Village Lounge scored first in the opening frame on Buckley's bases loaded sacrifice fly, but after that, their offense went stale.

The defending champions held a 3-1 lead going into the bottom of the sixth when they added two insurance runs.

With the bases loaded and one out, Joanie Quinlan received a walk and Jeanie Abrahamson drove a sacrifice fly to right centerfield for their final tally. Village Lounge escaped without further damage as Buc Red left the bases full that inning.

Supreme Court Battles Back Vs. Billy T's; Game 2 To Resume

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

During the regular season, Billy T's and Supreme Court of the Division B in the Agawam Women's Slo-Pitch Softball League, finished with identical 20-4 records.

So, it comes as no surprise the two rivals would engage in a heated best two of three series in the semifinals of the championship playoffs.

Billy T's of West Springfield pounded out a 12-2 victory in game one of the series. In game two, Supreme Court held an 8-4 edge before the game was called because of darkness. Play was scheduled to resume on Wednesday, August 7th (presstime), where it left off, in the top of the sixth.

The winner will advance to the finals against Sliech Auto Body who decisoned a very stubborn Elbow Lounge in a two-game sweep of the other semifinal series.

In game one, Billy T's seiged the beleaguered Supreme Court side for seven runs in the top of the seventh to seal the win. They sent 11 players to the plate as a shattered Supreme Court defense really helped fuel Billy T's fires.

Making good contact in that inning were Brenda Thayer, Debbie Englehardt, Noreen Brown, Janet Littlefield, Marilyn Beck, and Suzanne Hermans.

Supreme's offense was stagnant in game one, but Chris Fenton did manage a run-scoring single in the bottom of the fifth. In the last of the seventh, Jean Kelly took four balls with the bases loaded to plate their only other run, as this rally died.

Supreme Court took control offensively from the start of game two as a variety of different players contributed.

Holding a 3-1 lead, Supreme added three more runs in the top of the third when a Billy T's error and timely hits by Fenton and Kelly put them on top, 6-1.

Billy T's notched a marker when consecutive singles by Hermans, Karen Nadeau, and Carol Potvin were followed by a bases loaded sacrifice fly by Thayer.

In a key play in the top of the fifth, Supreme Court was denied a run due to a successful appeal play by Billy T's. Supreme's Fenton smashed an apparent, three-run homer, but the lead runner failed to tag third base on the way home.

Billy T's appealed the play and officials ruled the runner was out, changing the score to 8-3.

With two out in the bottom of the fifth, Sue "Red" Dubuc ripped a single to rightfield to score Billy T's last run before darkness set in.



THE RIGHTY: Cindy Faust is all business in playoff action vs. the Elbow Lounge earlier this week. Sliech won the tough semifinal in two straight. Both games were one run victories. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE LEFTY: Deb Doughman uncorks a basehit in playoff action for Sliech Auto Body vs. Elbow Lounge earlier this week. Sliech will meet the winner of the Billy T's-Supreme Court semifinal for the league championship. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AAA 13-15 Girls Place 2nd In Suburban Ball

The Agawam Athletic Association's girls' softball team ended up in second place, just behind Wilbraham (two losses) in the Pioneer Valley Girls' 13-15 Softball League.

Agawam started out the last part of the season in fine fashion with convincing wins over Wilshire (11-1) and Westfield (15-3).

Against Wilshire, the Agawam girls hit well. Chris Desilets, Tracy Sitek, Carolyn Jochim, and Jeannine Mouret provided the firepower.

Cathy Scaggs made the defensive play of the game at third base when she snared a hard-hit grounder in the hole. On her knees, Cathy threw out the runner at first base. Becki Runshaw pitched a strong game for Agawam to gain the victory (on her birthday).

The Westfield game was a case of too much Agawam offense when the locals broke the game wide open with seven runs in the third inning. They put it out of reach with five more runs in the fifth frame. Jennifer Crane was 2-2 (two bunt singles) and scored three runs.

In an important match-up with Wilbraham on July 23rd, the locals lost, 10-7. Wilbraham relied on its speed once again to get most of its runs on walks and stolen bases. For Agawam, Kelley Erskine excelled on offense, connecting for three singles and scoring twice.

On July 25th, Agawam won a close battle vs. Longmeadow, 9-6. Jeannine Mouret pitched the locals to victory, limiting the Longmeadow squad to just three hits.

Four runs in the bottom of the sixth by Agawam decided the outcome. Scoring for Agawam in that big inning were Kelley Erskine, Linda Porowski, Carolyn Jones, and Stephanie Milliken.

The next game at West Springfield was a case of many safeties, walks, and errors. Both teams demonstrated the offensive power they possessed. Agawam led, 3-0 after the first and then trailed 8-6 after four innings.

The fifth and sixth frames were critical as Agawam failed to score and West Side tallied nine runs during these two frames. The final was 17-9, West Side.

In the seasonal finale, Agawam destroyed East Longmeadow, 21-7. Linda Porowski reached base five times and scored four runs for the winners. Sue LaFleur was the winning pitcher and also helped her own cause by scoring three runs.

Coach Walt Porowski wishes to thank assistant coach Steve Crane for his help throughout the season; the Agawam Athletic Association for sponsoring a suburban softball team; and the Agawam Parks & Recreation Department for keeping the field at Robinson Park well groomed.

A special note of thanks goes out to all the parents and friends of the team who gave their support all season. It is to their credit, said Porowski, that the locals had one of the largest followings of all the teams in the Pioneer Valley Girls' Softball League.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION girls' 13-15 suburban softball team, who recently finished a very successful season. Back row, from left - Coach Walt Porowski, Becki Runshaw, Carolyn Jochim, Jeannine Mouret, Chris Desilets, Jennifer Scaggs, Laura Krzykowski, and Coach Steve Crane. Front row - Tracey Sitek, Cathy Scaggs, Sue LaFleur, Kelley Erskine, Traci Trudel, Stephanie Milliken, Linda Porowski, and Jennifer Crane. Missing: Maria Valego.

Village Lounge Rocks Father-Son Softball Showcase Intern'l, 13-5 Slated For August 11

Village Lounge preserved its hold on second place in the Division A of the Agawam Slo-Pitch Softball League as they rocked Showcase International, 13-5 on Tuesday, August 6th, at Shea's Field.

The Village people raised their record to 18-7. A five-run rally in the fifth helped Village put down Showcase for good. Leading the offense were Lou Conte, Mike Hanscom, Scott Barker, Jim Cressotti, Kip Fuller, Dean Mercadante, Bill Wysocki, and Tim Coffey.

A Father-Son Softball game between the players on the Agawam Men's Over-40 Slo-Pitch Softball team of Phil Vecchiarelli and their sons will take place on Sunday, August 11th, at Harmon Smith Field, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

This annual event is held strictly for the players of this team and their offspring.

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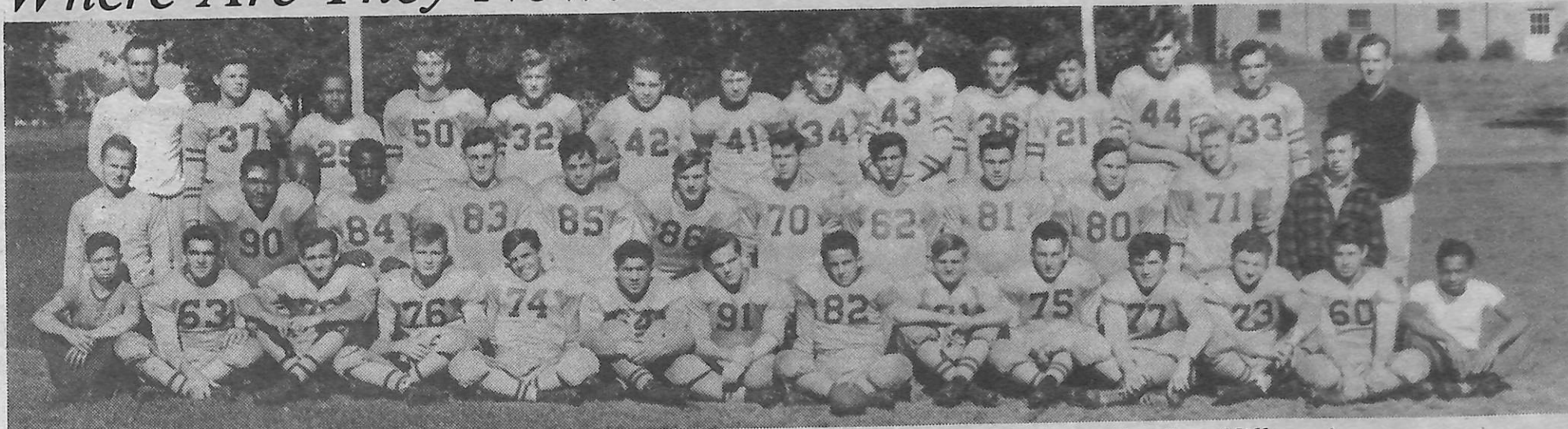
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Phil Vecchiarelli's Career Played In Muddy Trench

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Former Springfield Trade High School football player Phil Vecchiarelli, now a resident of Feeding Hills, always wanted to "run with the football." However, former coach Ted Plumb saw him as a center and blocker. The 1947 graduate went on to excel at that position.

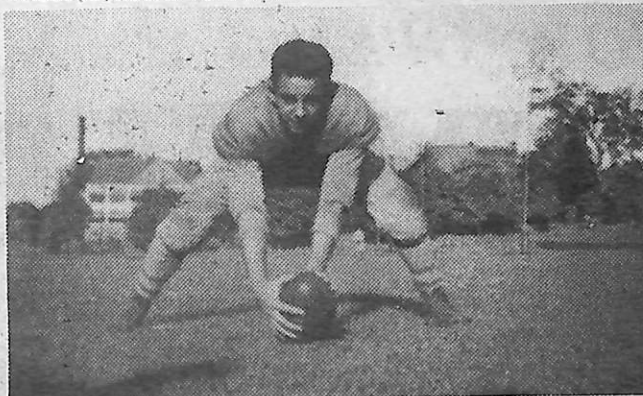
Since moving to Feeding Hills in 1966, Vecchiarelli and his wife, Marie, and their five sons, have been involved with town athletics in many different capacities.

Starred In Three Sports

A three-sport star for Trade High, Vecchiarelli enjoyed his best season of football his senior year (1946). He earned All-City honors and was elected co-captain of the team that year.

While Trade was never a powerhouse in football back then, in comparison to the tradition rich towns of Agawam, Westfield, and Chicopee, they were always scrappy against much better opponents.

"I can remember we opened our seasons against strong teams like Agawam and Chicopee. By the end of the season, we were really coming around," the long-time employee of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts told us.



WOULD YOU BELIEVE this is Phil Vecchiarelli back in 1946?

He remembered a particularly bad thrashing that Agawam handed Trade in the fall of 1945 (junior year).

"We were a very green team that year, while Agawam was loaded with talent like Stu Safford, Ed Borgatti, and Tom Knight. I think they beat us about 50-0," he laughed. "Our coach told us not to hang our heads because we played a very superior team that was simply loaded."

Many of Trade's games weren't as one-sided as the Agawam game. Vecchiarelli's best performance came in the seasonal opener of 1946 vs. Chicopee.

"When you played the line, you had to go two ways. If you weren't in shape, you'd be in trouble. My best game was against Chicopee because it seemed like I was involved with every other tackle," Vecchiarelli said.

"The next morning I felt like a truck ran over me, but I knew I'd played well," he added. "Centers have always been unsung heroes. Believe me when I say the games are won and lost by what happens in the mud and dirt of the line."

Always Remained Close To Sports

Following his successful schoolboy career, Vecchiarelli went on to stay active in sports as a player, coach, and avid supporter on the local scene.

His accomplishments after high school are many, but several of them are of special pride to him.

Probably his most important off-the-field endeavor and one that has been going strong for 30 years, is the Norman Dagenais Memorial Award. Vecchiarelli spearheaded this schoolboy award, along with help from Sam and Mike D'Angelo, and Dante Molta, among others.

The award is in honor of Norman Dagenais, one of Trade's all-time great football players. He died in the Korean War while serving in the U.S. Marines. Originally, it was presented to the most valuable player at Trade High, staying that way from 1956 to 1971.

But, Vecchiarelli felt that the prestigious award should be open to any player in the Suburban League, including teams like Ludlow, Classical, South Hadley, East Longmeadow, Longmeadow, etc.

This fall marks the 30th anniversary of the award.

Played For The Springfield Acorns

Vecchiarelli kept active for two years on the gridiron as quarterback for the Springfield Acorns, a semi-professional team (1947-48). Here he fulfilled his wish to carry the ball, although he said he found that it was more fun to hit people than be clobbered while running with the pigskin.

Among his many accomplishments as a coach were the 14-16 Springfield Acorns Post 430 football team, which suffered only one defeat from 1955-57. In 1973, he guided the Sacred Heart Athletic Association 8-10 baseball team to a 23-1 record. He has coached local baseball from 1967-1980 at all age levels.

In 1978, he coached a 13-15 boys' baseball team that won four consecutive titles over that time span.

While heavily involved in town athletics, Vecchiarelli was fortunate enough (and still is) to see four of his five sons participate in interscholastic sports at Agawam High.

"I always encouraged my sons to participate in athletics. I knew from my experience that athletics can keep your mind and body healthy," he told us. "I enjoy watching them play."

His sons are Domenic (29), Phillip (26), both married; and Dean (23), David (21), and Peter (14), all at home. Presently, Peter is a sophomore at Agawam High and is coming off an impressive three-sport freshman year at the Agawam Junior High.

Dean is entering his third year as assistant football coach at AHS. Moreover, brothers Phil and Dean are former linemen at AHS. Peter is continuing the Vec-

chiarelli tradition.

Nicknamed "Mr. V" by many of his former players, he still stays active during the summer months in the Agawam Men's Over-40 Slo-Pitch Softball League. He, Dick Dilullo, and Jack Kunasek pioneered the league two years ago.



PHIL VECCHIARELLI at his Kellogg Street, Feeding Hills home.

"I thought that playing softball would be fun and challenging. I like to keep active."

At this time, Vecchiarelli is anxiously awaiting the start of the Agawam High football season and returning to the gridiron as a spectator.

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Greger Scores Again At Riverside Speedway

Stan Greger of Southington, Connecticut, secured his second win of the 1985 Nascar Winston Series at Riverside Park Speedway on Saturday, August 3rd. For Greger, the win did not come easily as the Riverdale Chrysler sponsored TC-3 was pressured lap after lap by six-time feature event winner and point leader, Reggie Ruggerio of Forestville, Connecticut, the track's defending champion.

Bruce D'ellesandro of Glastonbury, Connecticut, led the first three laps before he spun after making contact with Punky Caron. While this was happening at the start finish line, there was another battle and mix-up in turns four and one.

This mix-up sent Wade Cole, Ray Miller, and Punky Caron to the pits, however, all returned. Those who were forced out were Jack Lecuyer, Ken Bouchard, and Eric LeClair.

On lap four, from a ninth starting spot, it was Greger in the Febbriello-Pelly TC-3 taking the lead. From lap four on it was Greger, who was being tested by Agawam's Marty Radewick in the Brady Cavalier.

At about lap 10, it appeared Radewick was poised to take the lead. However, that challenge worked to Ruggerio's advantage and he assumed second place. This trio then hooked-horns with Agawam's popular John Rosati, who looked very strong in the Southwick Motors Pontiac.

At the checker, the top four were bumper to bumper with Greger, Ruggerio, Rosati, and Radewick coming in, respectively. Fifth went to Jerry Marquis of Enfield.

Rounding out the top ten were Punky Caron, Wade Cole, again the first 340 bonus car, Miller, D'ellesandro, and Tom Bolles. Perhaps the hardest challenger of the event was Miller, but he had a flat in the closing laps of the feature event.

Greger thanked Riverdale Chrysler and his crew for the win, which was sponsored by Blonder's Auto Parts of Springfield, and Century Subaru of Vernon, Connecticut. Blonder's posted \$500 in bonus cash, which was presented by Lou Carpentieri. Century Subaru posted \$1000 in heat prize money. Heats were won by Miller, D'ellesandro, Fluery, and Stefanik.

Jim McCallum of Charlton had back-to-back wins in the Pro Stocks. The real battle of the 25-lap Budweiser Showdown event was in the early goings between Mike Widger and Scott Bouley. Each did a banner job in a side-by-side battle for the first 18 laps.

At the checker, behind McCallum, was Ruggerio, Paul Suprenant, Pete Fiandaca, and Fran Colson. Fifth to tenth went to West Rosner, Ed Lavoie, Rick Turcotte, John Bergenty, and Bouley. Heats were won by Turcotte, Colson, McCallum, and Boudier.

Luke Scanlon of Northampton with his Service Auto Supply Chevelle won the Street Stock feature. Rob Jones and Brian Crunden led for several laps and tangled at the halfway mark.

Dave Selleck was second. Third went to Larry Vassar and fifth went to Butch Chadmore. Sixth to tenth included Dan Lavoie, Joe Hamm, Jim Mavlouganis, Rick Charland, and Dan Delena. Heats paying bonus cash were won by Brian DuChunha, Jones, Vassar, and Mavlouganis.



COACHES & PLAYERS OF CARRIE CONSTRUCTION, champions of the Sacred Heart Athletic Association's girls' 10-13 softball league.

Carrie Contractors Win SHAA 10-13 Softball

For the second year in a row, Carrie Construction, coached by Nancy Carrie and Debbie DePalma, are the champions of the Sacred Heart Athletic Association's girls' 10-13 softball league.

Playoff action for the 10-13 league began on Monday, July 22nd, with second place Lions Club, coached by Tom O'Keefe, playing third place Chicopee Elks, coached by Becky Strattos. Chicopee came out on top, 3-1 in a well-played game.

The best two-out-of-three series began the next night with the Chicopee Elks going against the first place Carrie Contractors.

Carrie won the first game, 1-0, and Chicopee took the second game, 3-2. Both games were superbly played. In the third and final game of the championship series, Carrie took it, 4-2.

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by Bill Chiba

Surveys On Gun Laws

Professors James D. Wright and Peter H. Rossi, of the University of Massachusetts, conducted a survey funded by a grant of \$397,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice.

The results of the questionnaire of 1,874 imprisoned felons from August 1982 to January 1983 have finally been released. The following is a brief analysis.

Approximately **82 percent** of the felons said only law-abiding citizens obey gun laws; **88 percent** said criminals could easily obtain handguns, outside of prison, regardless of expense and local or federal ordinances; and **69 percent** of the felons who said they did not carry or use firearms during crime cited the risk of harsher prison terms the primary reason - instead, they used knives, clubs, brass knuckles, etc.

Also, **74 percent** of felons said "smart criminals" avoid occupied buildings for fear of getting shot by occupants; **57 percent** of the felons said criminals are more afraid of armed citizens than police; and **69 percent** of the felons said they knew of at least one colleague or peer who had been shot or scared off by an armed citizen.

Saturday Night Specials

The results of the study also refute claims that the "Saturday Night Specials" are the firearms preferred by most criminals. Legislation to ban "Saturday Night Specials" defines the firearms as inexpensive handguns with barrel lengths of three inches or less, and

calibers of .32 or less.

Approximately **72 percent** of the felons said their last handguns had barrels longer than three inches and calibers greater than .32.

In fact, the majority of repeated handgun offenders prefer .38's and .357's - the same handguns used by most law enforcement officers.

Additionally, **72 percent** of the repeat handgun offenders said if a handgun ban were enacted and handguns became impossible to obtain, they would switch to sawed-off shotguns and rifles.

Wright called that prospect frightening because of the greatly increased lethal capacities of sawed-off long guns.

Acres and Acres Of Blues

Acres and acres of blues are reported in the bay at Cape Cod. The fish seem to be holding just under the surface; throw out a popping plug and a host of blues attack it.

Catches of 50 or more fish per tide are being reported. Fortunately, the great majority of fish caught are being returned. Little or nothing is being reported on bass, and fluke fishing continues to hold up well of Pomet at Truro, and in the Provincetown Harbor area.

Nauset Beach is another story. There is not much in the way of stripers in the surf - just an occasional catch by the diehards who won't give up.

In Pleasant Bay, the blues are so thick that it's difficult to fish for anything else. As in most areas, popping plugs are dynamite, along with the olds reliables like Kastmasters and Hopkings lures. Nantucket Sound is like the other spots. Bluefish, bluefish, and more bluefish.

Inshore, offshore, and in-between, there's bluefish. Fluke fishing continues to be good outside Stage Harbor at Chatham. There are no great sizes to fish yet, but just enough keepers over the 14-inch limit to keep things interesting.

Riverside Speedway To Honor Memory Of Stefanik August 10th

At a special meeting with NEAR officers Charles Stebbins and Buddy Krebs, Riverside Park Speedway's management team of Gene Murphy and Ben Dodge, Jr., have agreed on perhaps the best tribute ever to a competitor at Riverside Park Speedway.

NEAR will present a special night of competition dedicated to the memory of Bob Stefanik and all racing drivers who have died, on Saturday, August 10th.

It will be a salute to perhaps the most popular driver of the 1970's at Riverside, Bob Stefanik. Even though this event will be an extra special visit for the NEAR group, it will also be an annual event.

The evening is designed to bring back memories in auto racing from the 1940's, 1950's, 1960's, and 1970's. The NEAR group is dedicated to preserving the history, memory, and camaraderie of those racing years gone by.

The purpose is simple: to make people aware of how racing all started. NEAR wants to share the nostalgia of the good old days.

At Riverside, "Bob Stefanik Night" will begin at noontime for members. It will promote two distinct classes of cars; antique race cars, 25 years or older; and vintage cars that have raced in the last 10 years.

The Stefanik tribute could also feature a special match race and perhaps the most impressive tribute in the history of NEAR. It will also feature club functions, including a special outing in the Riverside Grove, pit contest, and expo-racing.

As always, the club will be represented by its over 250 members and noted officers, including Buddy Krebs, Al Green, Charlie Stebbins, Rick Mosher, Buddy Bardwell, and John Georgiades.

Cars expected could include Hoppy Jensen's 179; Chick Stockwell's 151; Ted Stacks' XC-1; Ken Bridge's Isyr model 5; Fini's 1; Georgiades' 87; and several others will be added that day.

NEAR members will also be the presenters of trophies to the winners. NEAR will also display a different pace car for each event.

In addition to all of this, the program will feature a "Triple Budweiser Bonus Program." The nation's leading Nascar Winston Modifieds will be on hand for a 50-lap feature.

The Pro Stocks will also be featured in a 20-lap feature, plus the Street Stocks in a 20-lap event.

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For years, Riverside hosted Demo Derbys that feature 100 cars. These awesome events featured four qualifying events consisting of 25 cars. And now, for the first time, Riverside will feature five qualifying heat events, featuring a total of 200 automobiles destroyed beyond recognition.

On Sunday, August 11th, Riverside will host the biggest Demo in its history.

The final car left running from each heat event will move to the main event in search of \$500 for the last car running. As always, a key part of the Riverside success in the Demos is the fans' choice awards. By the applause of the demo fans, another competitor will move into the main event.

In addition to all this, Riverside will also offer a team Celebrity Car competition. This is usually made up of radio DJ's from leading radio stations, with two teams of five facing off, destroying each other and scoring with the ball car.

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Grand National Auto State Soccer Queens

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

To say that the Agawam Soccer Association's girls' under 12 soccer team, sponsored by Grand National Auto, has enjoyed some success in the last three years is an understatement.

Under the guidance of coach John Cosgrove, the team has captured the Division I Massachusetts State soccer titles in the last three years, as well as winning several tournaments along the way.

Only Team To Do This

Their state championships, the first coming in 1983 in the 10 and under division, gives them the distinction of being the only ASA teams to ever accomplish this feat.

The girls most recent endeavor was a tournament on the weekend of August 3rd and 4th at Smithtown, Long Island, where they reached the semifinals.

"We've got no superstars on this team," Cosgrove proudly stated. "Everyone is a team player and that attitude has been the key to our success. The girls play well together and enjoy passing the ball to their teammates."

In a look back at the 1985 season's accomplishments, capturing the state crown and the "Knockout Tournament," which qualified them for the Eastern Regional tournament, rank at the top.

The girls met some fierce competition from New York and New Jersey when they were eliminated from the Eastern Regionals on June 29th and 30th at Niagra Falls.

In order to qualify for the regionals, they locals won two games at the Knockout Tournament back in mid-May. They blasted Billerica, 8-1, and in the finals, nipped North Andover, 1-0, on a clutch goal by Lisa Tassone.

The exciting state championships, held at the University of Massachusetts on June 23rd, saw Grand National Auto annex two close games, spearheaded by spectacular defense.

In the first game, they edged Whitman of the South Shore League, 1-0, on a tally by Sue Christian. Goalie Chris Wing was responsible for the shutout.

Beat Framingham In State Finals

In the championship game, Grand National Auto bumped a stubborn Framingham team of the Greater Boston League, 3-2, on goals by Kristin Alechny, Katie Burns, and Tracie DiMascola.

Combining their talents tending the nets were Wing and Tassone.

Rounding out Grand National Auto's roster are Joy Clark, goalie; Emily Anspach and Sharon Phaneuf, halfbacks; Monica Davio and Brie Cosgrove, fullbacks; Denise Douglas, Denise Landry, and Carrie Piccoli, forwards.

As for the sponsors of the gals, Grand National Auto, owned and operated by Bill & Valerie Douglas of Agawam, their support and dedication also figured in to the teams success, according to Cosgrove.

"Bill & Valerie have been fantastic to us. They've done way more than any sponsor should have to do. The team and I really appreciate what they've done for us," said a thankful Cosgrove.

Desi's Rallies Past Antonio's In Division B

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Desi's Place scored seven runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to climb back into a scorching battle with Antonio's Pizza en route to a wild, 10-9 triumph on Tuesday, August 6th, at Borgatti Park.

The victory keeps Desi's on top of the Division B-National of the Agawam Men's Slo-Pitch Softball League. The race is unbelievably tight as Feeding Hills Public Market and Gino's Liquors are also battling for the league's bragging rights with Desi's (19-6-1). Playoff-bound Antonio's now is 15-10.

A stubborn Antonio's fired-out to an 8-0 lead in the first inning. All the runs came with two outs. Their eight-run rally was a result of them batting through the order.

Providing the key hits were Paul Federici, Bob Strezempek, and player/coach Lou Fredette. Each had two RBI's.

Antonio's scored another run to take a 9-1 lead before Desi's called out the big guns and blasted its way to victory.

In the sixth inning, Jim Hill, who went 4-4, got the ball rolling with a lead-off single. Keith Savoie and Ray Wysneski followed with singles to load the bases.

Powerhitter Mickey Haywood then smashed a double to clear the bases. Three consecutive singles set-up three more runs on a single by Donny Wheeler and a two-run triple by big Joe Borowiec.

Trailing 9-8 going into the bottom of the seventh, Desi's got started again on a single by Hill. Safeties by Savoie and Wysneski provided the tying run.

After an intentional walk to Haywood, Mike Belniak slapped a hart shot off the third baseman's glove. The ball dribbled into leftfield and the game-winner was sent home.

BOGEY'S BOWS TO JIFFY LUBE, K OF C: It wasn't a good night for Bogey's, the Division-B American second place team. They were blasted by the 12-run rule by Jiffy Lube in a big upset and that followed a 10-10 tie against an improved Knights of Columbus team, in the second part of a doubleheader at Shea's Field on Tuesday, August 6th.

Bogey's dropped to 19-6-1, while Jiffy Lube (12-14) and K of C (14-10-2) were definitely happy about the outcomes.

Against KC, Bogey's saw their 10-1 lead evaporate to 10-10 by the end of six innings. KC had their chances to win it, but they stranded 11 baserunners.

The offensive contributions of KC's top four batters, Mike Miller, John Lund, Bill Tierney, and Mike Londregan, accounted for 11 hits as they ignited the comeback.

KC pitcher Tim Jalbert pitched shutout ball the last four innings.



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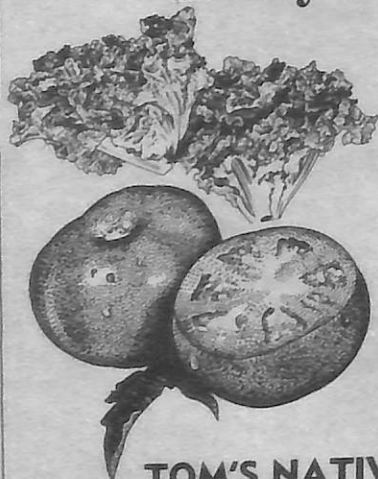


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